



Extended X-Ray Emission in Compton Thick AGN with Deep Chandra Observations

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Abstract

We present the spatial analysis of five Compton thick (CT) active galactic nuclei (AGNs), including MKN 573, NGC 1386, NGC 3393, NGC 5643, and NGC 7212, for which high-resolution Chandra observations are available. For each source, we find hard X-ray emission (>3 keV) extending to $\sim$ kiloparsec scales along the ionization cone, and for some sources, in the cross-cone region. This collection represents the first, high-signal sample of CT AGN with extended hard X-ray emission for which we can begin to build a more complete picture of this new population of AGN. We investigate the energy dependence of the extended X-ray emission, including possible dependencies on host galaxy and AGN properties, and find a correlation between the excess emission and obscuration, suggesting a connection between the nuclear obscuring material and the galactic molecular clouds. Furthermore, we find that the soft X-ray emission extends farther than the hard X-rays along the ionization cone, which may be explained by a galactocentric radial dependence on the density of molecular clouds due to the orientation of the ionization cone with respect to the galactic disk. These results are consistent with other CT AGN with observed extended hard X-ray emission (e.g., ESO 428-G014 and the Ma et al. CT AGN sample), further demonstrating the ubiquity of extended hard X-ray emission in CT AGN.

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1. Introduction

Recent Chandra observations of nearby, Compton thick (CT) active galactic nuclei (AGNs) have uncovered kiloparsec-scale extended hard X-ray and Fe $K\alpha$ line emission regions that have challenged our understanding of the origin and extent of high energy photons and what impact they may have on their host galaxies (e.g., Circinus, Arévalo et al. 2014; NGC 1068, Bauer et al. 2015; ESO 428-G014, Fabbiano et al. 2017; NGC 7212, Jones et al. 2020).

In the classical picture, the hard X-ray continuum and fluorescent Fe K lines that are observed in AGNs are generated by the excitation of the obscuring material in the inner parsecs. Observing this characteristic energetic emission on host galaxy scales is unexpected. The presence of extended emission outside of this inner region has interesting consequences for AGN feedback and its impact on the surrounding medium.

The first well-studied case of hard X-ray emission observed outside of the nuclear region was in the CT AGN, ESO 428-G014 (Fabbiano et al. 2017, 2018a, 2018b, 2019). ESO 428-G014 exhibits extended emission predominately in the soft X-ray band, but also has a significant extent in the hard X-rays, including the band around Fe $K\alpha$ (6.1–6.5 keV). The spectrum is best described by a complex mixture of thermal and photoionization models that are consistent with the picture of energetic emission extending from the nucleus into the host galaxy. Since this discovery, a handful of other CT AGNs have been individually identified as having extended emission on $\sim$ kiloparsec scales, including NGC 7212. NGC 7212 is the farthest of these sources examined thus far ($z = 0.0266$), and has a spectrum that is best described by a complex mixture of physical models, as in ESO 428-G014 (Jones et al. 2020).

For CT AGNs, in particular, energetic X-ray photons in the inner regions are expected to be completely attenuated by an optically thick, molecular dust torus-like structure that only allows radiation to propagate out along the torus opening angle as an ionization cone (e.g., Urry & Padovani 1995; Netzer 2015). However, in the case of ESO 428-G014, significant, extended emission is found in the “cross-cone” region, aligned with this CT torus (Fabbiano et al. 2018a). Similar significant features are also found in NGC 7212 (Jones et al. 2020). This suggests that rather than acting as a homogenous screen in this “cross-cone” direction, the torus is likely porous, allowing these highly energetic photons to “leak” out and interact with the surrounding medium.

A question remains then about how ubiquitous the extended hard X-ray emission is in CT AGNs. To explore this further, Ma et al. (2020) collected Chandra observations for seven CT AGNs, not previously known to have extended emission and compared them with ESO 428-G014 and NGC 7212. They demonstrate that the extended hard X-ray emission, including that from Fe $K\alpha$, is a characteristic feature of these obscured sources. Furthermore, this emission can contribute between $\sim 8\%$ and 36% of the total observed emission in 3–7 keV. This sample, however, is limited by low number counts that make probing regional dependencies (i.e., cone versus cross-cone) challenging.

In this paper we investigate the energy dependence of the hard X-ray emission extent, including dependencies on host galaxy and AGN properties, using a sample of four CT AGNs: MKN 573, NGC 1386, NGC 3393, and NGC 5643, to compare with NGC 7212 and the Ma et al. (2020) sample. The Chandra observations and data reduction for these CT AGNs are described in Section 2. For each source we report on the spatial extent of the X-ray emission in Section 3, and discuss the implications of this population of extended X-ray AGNs in

Table 1
Chandra ACIS-S Observation Log

Source	ObsID	t_{exp} (ks)	PI	Date
MKN 573	7745	38.08	Bianchi	2006–11–18
	12294	9.92	Wang	2010–09–16
	13124	52.37	Wang	2010–09–17
	13125	16.83	Wang	2010–09–19
NGC 1386	4076	19.64	Kraemer	2003–11–19
	12289	17.32	Wang	2011–04–13
	13185	29.67	Wang	2011–04–13
	13257	33.82	Wang	2011–04–14
NGC 3393	4868	29.33	Levenson	2004–02–28
	12290	69.16	Wang	2011–03–12
	20496	48.25	Maksym	2019–04–04
	20497	39.54	Maksym	2018–03–19
	20498	44.52	Maksym	2018–03–18
	21039	44.47	Maksym	2019–04–09
	21047	95.84	Maksym	2018–03–23
	21048	40.43	Maksym	2018–07–23
	22077	47.15	Maksym	2019–03–11
NGC 5643	17031	72.12	Fabbiano	2015–05–21
	17664	41.53	Fabbiano	2015–12–26
NGC 7212	4078	19.9	Kraemer	2003–07–22
	20372	49.42	Fabbiano	2018–08–08
	21668	51.38	Fabbiano	2018–08–11
	21672	27.21	Fabbiano	2018–09–07

Section 4. Our findings and conclusions are summarized in Section 5.

2. Observations

Our sample consists of five CT AGNs ($\log N_{\text{H}} > 24 \text{ cm}^{-2}$) with archival Chandra aim point observations (Table 1). These observations were reprocessed with Chandra-repro and analyzed using CIAO 4.11 (Fruscione et al. 2006) and CALDB 4.8.2 and inspected for high background flares ($>3\sigma$). Each individual observation for each source was exposure-corrected and merged.^{5,6} We visually inspected each observation using the CIAO image analysis tools available in SAOImage ds9⁷ and enabled 1/8 native ACIS-S subpixel binning ($0''.062$) to improve the spatial resolution of these observations (as in, e.g., Tsunemi et al. 2001; Wang et al. 2011). From the merged observations for each source, we generated a full-band (0.3–8.0 keV) adaptively smoothed image (using *dmimgadapt* from the ds9 CIAO package⁸) to investigate the detailed morphology of our CT AGN. The smoothing parameters used in this analysis were chosen to highlight the extended emission: 0.5–15 pixel scale with 5 counts under the Gaussian kernel for 30 iterations, unless otherwise indicated.

2.1. MKN 573

MKN 573 is an SAB0 type galaxy at R.A. = 01:43:57.80 ($25^\circ 991$), decl. = $+02:20:59.65$ ($2^\circ 350$), and $z = 0.0172$

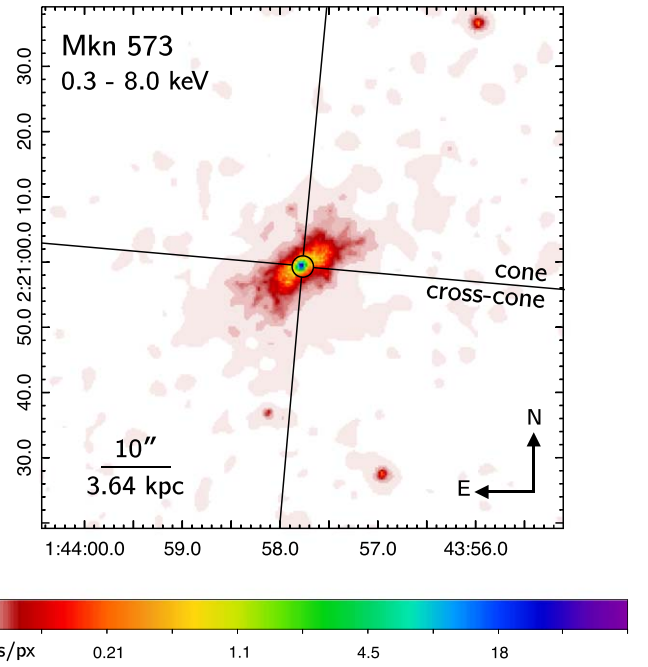


Figure 1. Merged 0.3–8.0 keV Chandra ACIS image of MKN 573 with applied adaptive Gaussian smoothing (*dmimgadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations) on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel. The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$ ($29.12 \text{ kpc} \times 29.12 \text{ kpc}$). Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.546 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone quadrants used in our analysis of the X-ray extent.

($D_{\text{lum}} \sim 72 \text{ Mpc}$), with a double radio source (Nagar et al. 1999). The AGN ($M_{\text{BH}} = 2 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$, Bian & Gu 2007; $L_{\text{X}, 2-10 \text{ keV}} = 2.2 \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, Ramos Almeida et al. 2009) is optically classified as a Seyfert 2, but Ramos Almeida et al. (2008) find evidence that a narrow-line Seyfert 1 is hiding beneath the CT obscuring material ($N_{\text{H}} > 1.6 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; Guainazzi et al. 2005). MKN 573 has been previously shown to have extended, biconical soft X-ray emission on kiloparsec scales (Gonzalez-Martin et al. 2010; Paggi et al. 2012). We extend this analysis to the harder X-rays, focusing specifically on the spatial extent of the 6–7 keV band where we expect to find Fe K α line emission. The full-band (0.3–8.0 keV) adaptively smoothed image of MKN 573 is shown in Figure 1. Consistent with previous X-ray observations, we observe biconical emission that we separate into ionization cone/cross-cone regions (as indicated in Figure 1).

2.2. NGC 1386

NGC 1386 is an SB0 type galaxy at R.A. = 03:36:46.18 ($54^\circ 192$), decl. = $-35:59:57.87$ ($-35^\circ 999$), and $z = 0.00290$ ($D_{\text{lum}} \sim 12 \text{ Mpc}$), with a water megamaser (Schulz & Henkel 2003) and jet (Nagar et al. 1999). The AGN ($\log L_{\text{X}, 2-10 \text{ keV}} = 41.84 \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, Brightman et al. 2015) is optically classified as a Seyfert 2 (e.g., Brightman & Nandra 2011) with a Compton thick AGN ($N_{\text{H}} = 5.61 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; Brightman et al. 2015). The full-band (0.3–8.0 keV) adaptively smoothed image of NGC 1386 is shown in Figure 2. Previous observations of NGC 1386 have shown extended O III narrow lines (e.g., Schmitt et al. 2003) aligned along the north-south direction and coincident with our defined “cone” region as shown in Figure 2.

⁵ <http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/combine/>

⁶ http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/merge_all/

⁷ <http://ds9.si.edu>

⁸ <http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/gallery/smooth.html>

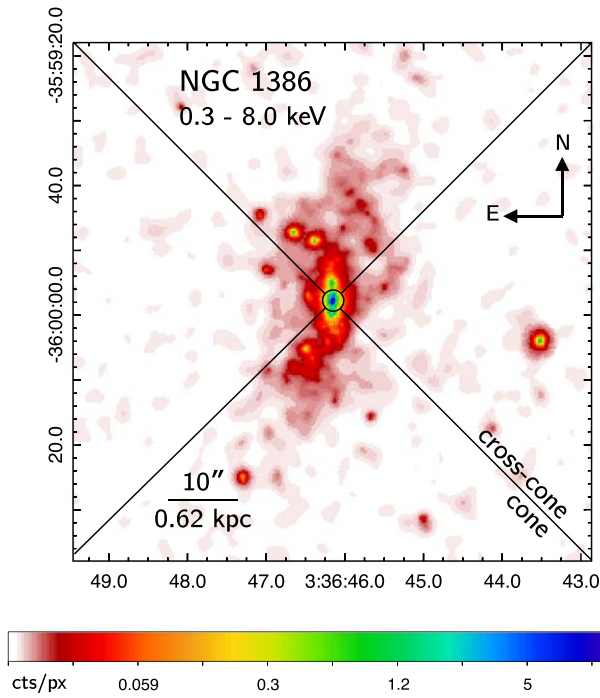


Figure 2. Merged 0.3–8.0 keV Chandra ACIS image of NGC 1386 with applied adaptive Gaussian smoothing (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations) on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel. The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$ (4.96 kpc $\times$ 4.96 kpc). Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.093 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone quadrants used in our analysis of the X-ray extent.

2.3. NGC 3393

NGC 3393 is an SBab type galaxy at R.A. = 10:48:23.46 ($162^\circ 098$), decl. = $-25:09:43.4$ ($-25^\circ 162$), and $z = 0.01251$ ($D_{\text{lum}} \sim 61$ Mpc), with a triple-lobed radio source and extended ionization cones oriented along the northeast direction (e.g., Cooke et al. 2000). The AGN is optically classified as a Seyfert 2 with a Compton thick obscuration ($N_{\text{H}} = 1.897 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; Marchesi et al. 2018; see also Maiolino et al. 1998; Guainazzi et al. 2005; Burlon et al. 2011; Koss et al. 2015; Maksym et al. 2017). The full-band (0.3–8.0 keV) adaptively smoothed image of NGC 3393 is shown in Figure 3. Consistent with previous X-ray observations (e.g., Maksym et al. 2016, 2017, 2019), we observe both the “S” shaped energetic central region and extended emission along P.A. 45° that we designate the “cone region,” as shown in Figure 3.

2.4. NGC 5643

NGC 5643 is an SABc type galaxy at R.A. = 14:32:40.74 ($218^\circ 170$), decl. = $-44:10:27.86$ ($-44^\circ 174$), and $z = 0.00400$ ($D_{\text{lum}} \sim 21$ Mpc), with a water maser (Greenhill et al. 2003) and ultra-luminous X-ray source (e.g., Annuar et al. 2015; Pintore et al. 2016). The AGN ($L_{\text{x}, 2-10 \text{ keV}} = (0.8-1.7) \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, Annuar et al. 2015) is optically classified as a Seyfert 2 (Cid Fernandes et al. 2001) with Compton thick obscuration ($N_{\text{H}} = 1.594 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; Marchesi et al. 2018; see also Maiolino et al. 1998; Risaliti et al. 1999; Guainazzi et al. 2004; Bianchi et al. 2006; Matt et al. 2013; Annuar et al. 2015), likely from a nuclear rotating obscuration disk (Alonso-Herrero et al. 2018). The full-band (0.3–8.0 keV) adaptively smoothed image of NGC 5643 is shown in Figure 4. We observe extended

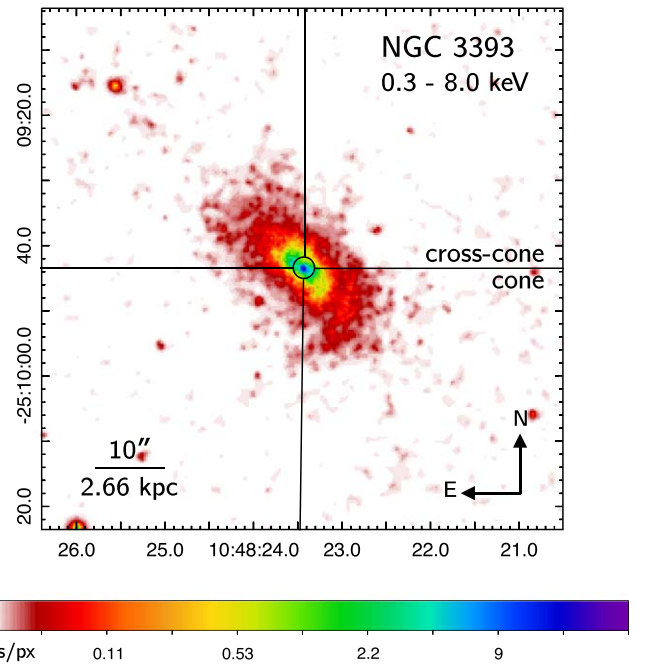


Figure 3. Merged 0.3–8.0 keV Chandra ACIS image of NGC 3393 with applied adaptive Gaussian smoothing (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 10 counts under kernel, 30 iterations) on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel. The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$ (21.28 kpc $\times$ 21.28 kpc). Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.399 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone quadrants used in our analysis of the X-ray extent.

emission along the east–west direction, coincident with both the narrow-line region ionization cone and kiloparsec-scale radio lobes (Morris et al. 1985; Schmitt et al. 1994; Fischer et al. 2013; Cresci et al. 2015), which forms the basis for our cone/cross-cone regions (as indicated in Figure 4).

2.5. NGC 7212

NGC 7212 is located at R.A. = 22:07:01.30 ($331^\circ 755$), decl. = $+10:13:52$ ($10^\circ 231$), and $z = 0.0266$ ($D_{\text{lum}} \sim 115$ Mpc), in a compact group of three interacting galaxies (e.g., Muñoz et al. 2007). The AGN ($\log M_{\text{bh}} = 7.54$; $\log L/L_{\text{Edd}} = -1.55$; Hernández-García et al. 2015) is optically classified as a Seyfert 2, with a kiloparsec-scale extended narrow-line region (ENLR; e.g., Wasilewski 1981; Falcke et al. 1998; Schmitt et al. 2003; Cracco et al. 2011; Congiu et al. 2017), and typical characteristics of Compton thick obscuration ($N_{\text{H}} = 1.269 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$; Marchesi et al. 2018; see also Risaliti et al. 2000; Guainazzi et al. 2005; Bianchi et al. 2006; Levenson et al. 2006; Singh et al. 2011; Severgnini et al. 2012; Hernández-García et al. 2015). The full-band (0.3–8.0 keV) adaptively smoothed image of NGC 7212 is shown in Figure 5. The cone region indicated in Figure 5 is coincident with the ENLR and aligned with the compact double radio source (extent $0''.7$; Falcke et al. 1998; Drake et al. 2003).

3. Spatial Analysis

The detailed morphologies that we are able to extract by capitalizing on the subpixel resolution of Chandra enable a thorough investigation of the significance of the extended emission. Likewise, our sample is made of sources with >2400 counts, which allows us to break down the radial surface

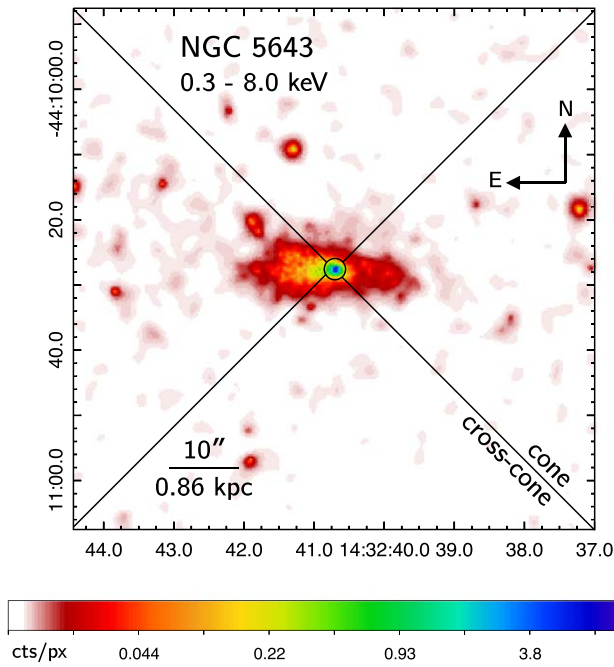


Figure 4. Merged 0.3–8.0 keV Chandra ACIS image of NGC 5643 with applied adaptive Gaussian smoothing (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations) on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel. The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$ (6.88 kpc $\times$ 6.88 kpc). Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.129 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone quadrants used in our analysis of the X-ray extent.

brightness profiles by cone and cross-cone regions to provide a better understanding of the origin of the emission and AGN geometry. As described in Section 2, we separate our images into four 90° quadrants (the biconical cone and cross-cone regions). Of the five sources, NGC 7212 is the only one to not exhibit a strong azimuthal dependence.

Using SAOImage ds9, we filtered our sources in eight energy bands and generated concentric annuli within each quadrant starting at the nucleus ($r = 0''.5$) and working radially outward, increasing the width as necessary to maintain a minimum of 10 counts, until the regions became noise and background dominated (typically around 30–50''). The surface brightness profiles were extracted from these energy- and quadrant-dependent regions (excluding obvious point sources) and background subtracted, before being compared to the Chandra Point Source Functions (PSF) for the given energy band and regions (PSFs were created from an absorbed power-law spectrum typical for an AGN using ChaRT⁹ ($\Gamma \sim 1.8$, $N_H = 0.5 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$) and MARX 5.4.0,¹⁰ and following the CIAO simulation threads^{11,12}).

There are known uncertainties introduced when simulating the Chandra PSF with ChaRT and MARX,¹³ specifically, for energies $>2 \text{ keV}$ the wings of the simulated PSF underestimate the extent of the observed surface brightness profile. We estimate the potential uncertainty for two energy bands (2.4–2.6 keV and 6.4–6.6 keV) at two extents (10'' and 100'')

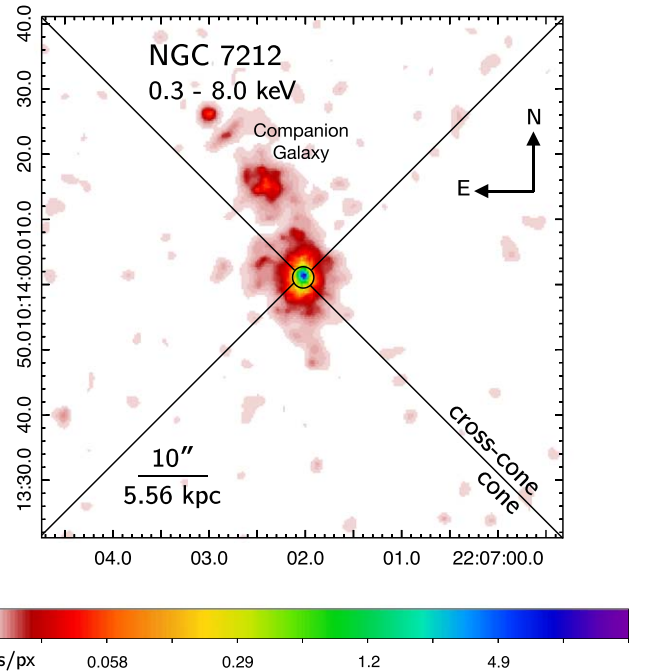


Figure 5. Merged 0.3–8.0 keV Chandra ACIS image of NGC 7212 with applied adaptive Gaussian smoothing (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations) on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel. The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$ (44.48 kpc $\times$ 44.48 kpc). Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.834 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone quadrants used in our analysis of the X-ray extent.

based on the analysis “Wings of the Chandra PSF.”¹⁴ An extent of 100'' is well outside of our area of interest that typically extends only to $\sim 30''$ to $\sim 50''$ before becoming noise dominated. For energies 2.4–2.6 keV, the factor difference between the simulated and observed surface brightness profiles at 10'' is ~ 1.2 , and at 100'' is ~ 1.7 . For energies 6.4–6.6 keV, the factor difference at 10'' is ~ 1.9 and at 100'' is ~ 2.8 . Taking this extreme factor into account, we confirm that the 6.0–7.0 keV emission in all of our sources (excluding the cross-cone region of MKN 573) will continue to be significant ($>3\sigma$) in both the cone and cross-cone regions. However, we expect errors in the simulated PSF introduced by this method to be less than a factor of 2.8 at high energies and large extent. Additional discrepancies between the simulated and observed PSF associated with this method are mitigated using the recommended AspectBlur in MARX of $0''.25$ for ACIS-S observations. Despite these known uncertainties, we observe a significant difference in the source extent by cone angle, as described in the following sections, that cannot be solely attributed to poorly simulating the Chandra PSF.

The Chandra PSFs were energy filtered and normalized to the source counts in the nuclear ($<0''.5$) region before being subtracted from the source radial profiles to determine the quantity of total excess counts outside of the nuclear $0''.5$ region as a function of energy. We then calculate the “total excess fraction” by dividing the total excess counts by the total counts (not PSF subtracted) over the entire region of interest. Similarly, we quantify an extended excess by adding up the PSF subtracted counts outside of a $1''.5$ region as a function of energy. By increasing the radius to $1''.5$ from $0''.5$, we are

⁹ <http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/PSFs/chart2/>

¹⁰ <https://space.mit.edu/cxc/marx/>

¹¹ <http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/psf.html>

¹² http://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/threads/marx_sim/

¹³ <https://cxc.harvard.edu/ciao/PSFs/chart2/caveats.html>

¹⁴ https://cxc.harvard.edu/ccw/proceedings/02_proc/presentations/t_gaetz

Table 2
MKN 573—Excess Counts over the Chandra PSF (Normalized to the Central 0''5) for Select Energy Bands

Energy (keV)	Total Counts		Counts > 0''5		Counts > 1''5		Extended Fraction		Total Excess Fraction	
	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone
0.3–1.5	5377 ± 73	3138 ± 56	3399 ± 56	774 ± 28	2312 ± 48	404 ± 20	43.0 ± 1.1	12.9 ± 0.7	57.6 ± 1.3	24.7 ± 1.0
1.5–3.0	591 ± 24	477 ± 22	261 ± 16	81 ± 9	197 ± 14	69 ± 8	33.2 ± 2.7	14.5 ± 1.9	44.2 ± 3.3	16.9 ± 2.0
3.0–4.0	115 ± 11	82 ± 9	39 ± 6	21 ± 5	27 ± 5	16 ± 4	23.4 ± 5.0	19.6 ± 5.3	33.4 ± 6.2	25.8 ± 6.3
4.0–5.0	69 ± 8	52 ± 7	16 ± 4	3 ± 2	4 ± 2	0 ± 0	5.9 ± 3.0	0.0 ± 0.0	23.6 ± 6.5	5.5 ± 3.3
5.0–6.0	55 ± 7	66 ± 8	13 ± 4	15 ± 4	9 ± 3	14 ± 4	16.4 ± 5.9	21.7 ± 6.3	22.9 ± 7.2	22.7 ± 6.5
6.0–7.0	97 ± 10	107 ± 10	29 ± 5	10 ± 3	16 ± 4	2 ± 1	16.1 ± 4.4	1.8 ± 1.3	29.9 ± 6.3	9.0 ± 3.0
7.0–8.0	10 ± 3	15 ± 4	3 ± 2	8 ± 3	3 ± 2	8 ± 3	28.9 ± 19.8	53.9 ± 23.9	28.9 ± 19.8	53.9 ± 23.9
0.3–8.0	6304 ± 79	4037 ± 64	3483 ± 59	978 ± 31	2562 ± 51	529 ± 23	40.6 ± 1.0	13.1 ± 0.6	55.3 ± 1.2	24.2 ± 0.9

further limiting any potential contamination from the CT AGN. We then calculate the “extended fraction” by dividing the extended excess counts by the total counts (not PSF subtracted) over the entire region of interest.

To better compare the extent in each energy band, we then calculate the full width at half maximum (FWHM) and the full width at 1% of the surface brightness (in log space) for each radial profile (following, e.g., Fabbiano et al. 2018a; Jones et al. 2020). This not only normalizes the brightness of each energy band, it also minimizes the bias between each source in our sample of five CT AGN caused by variations in signal-to-noise ratios. These width calculations are made by fitting the radial profiles with a spline approximation (or for profiles with fewer than four points, a Gaussian curve) with errors derived from a bootstrap Monte Carlo analysis.

3.1. MKN 573

MKN 573 exhibits extended emission with an azimuthal dependence along the designated “cone” region that transitions into a circular blob at the higher energies (Figure 13). The surface brightness in the cone and cross-cone lies predominately above the Chandra PSF, and exhibits bumps and waves outside of $\sim 10''$ that may correspond to point sources that were unaccounted for in the radial profile extraction. For 0.3–8.0 keV, we find 3483 ± 59 counts at $>0''5$ above the Chandra PSF in the cone region, and 978 ± 31 in cross-cone region (Table 2). Between 6 keV and 7 keV, where we would expect to see Fe K fluorescence, we find significant counts above the PSF in both the cone and cross-cone region (29 ± 5 counts and 10 ± 3 counts, respectively).

The total excess fraction for MKN 573 in 0.3–8.0 keV is $55.3\% \pm 1.2\%$ in the cone region, and $24.2\% \pm 0.9\%$ in the cross-cone region, which is consistent with the observed azimuthal dependence. In the hard X-rays between 6–7 keV, the difference in the excess fraction is more stark at $29.9\% \pm 6.3\%$ in the cone and $9.0\% \pm 3.0\%$ in the cross-cone regions. More interesting, however, is the total extended fraction, as it probes the excess emission farther from the influence of the CT AGN. We find an extended fraction for the 0.3–8.0 keV to be $40.6\% \pm 1.0\%$ in the cone and $13.1\% \pm 0.6\%$ in the cross-cone regions. Probing the hard X-rays at 6–7 keV, we find an extended fraction of $16.1\% \pm 4.4\%$ in the cone and $1.8\% \pm 1.3\%$ in cross-cone regions. These three metrics for the X-ray extent are all significant in the cone region and cross-cone region, with the exception of the extended fraction in the cross-cone region.

Further exploring the excess as a function of energy, we calculated the FWHM for each radial profile at each energy bin

(Figure 6; top, left). We find that the cone and cross-cone are extended in the soft X-rays ~ 0.4 kpc and ~ 0.25 kpc, respectively, farther than in the harder X-rays, although the slope of this extent as a function of energy is fairly shallow, especially above ~ 3 keV. At 1% of the surface brightness (Figure 6; top, left), where we better probe the extended emission, we find that the extent of the cross-cone region does not significantly change as a function of energy. The cone region, however, is extended ~ 0.5 kpc farther in the soft energies compared to the hard energies.

3.2. NGC 1386

Compared to MKN 573, NGC 1386 presents a more challenging picture due to additional point sources primarily aligned with the cone region, even at the harder X-rays (Figure 15). Despite this, we successfully extracted the radial profiles in each energy band (Figure 16) and find, unsurprisingly, that the central region is dominated by the point source. Outside of ~ 7 – $10''$ however, the surface brightness falls at a gentler slope.

We calculate the excess counts above the PSF at $>0''5$ and find, for 0.3–8.0 keV, 3352 ± 58 in the cone and 886 ± 30 in the cross-cone region (Table 3). Compared to the total counts in this energy band, we find a total excess fraction of $71.8\% \pm 1.6\%$ in the cone and $48.0\% \pm 2.0\%$ in the cross-cone. In the hard X-rays between 6 keV and 7 keV, we find 82 ± 9 in the cone and 34 ± 6 in the cross-cone region. This corresponds to a total excess fraction of $54.9\% \pm 7.6\%$ in the cone and $89.6\% \pm 21.1\%$ in the cross-cone. For the extended emission above $1''5$, we find a total extended fraction of $49.6\% \pm 1.3\%$ in the cone and $28.3\% \pm 1.4\%$ in the cross-cone region for 0.3–8.0 keV. In 6–7 keV, the total extended fraction is $17.2\% \pm 3.7\%$ in the cone and $27.2\% \pm 9.5\%$ in the cross-cone. Similar to MKN 573, we find significant excess emission across all three metrics, with the exception of the cross-cone extended fraction, which is just shy of a 3σ result.

The radial profile FWHM as a function of energy for NGC 1386 is similar to what was found for MKN 573 (Figure 6; top right). The cone and cross-cone are more extended at soft energies than hard energies with a difference of 0.1 kpc and ~ 0.04 kpc, respectively, but remain relatively flat above ~ 2 keV. At 1% the surface brightness we also find that the cross-cone region exhibits a consistent extent across the energy bands. For the cone region, the soft X-rays are extended ~ 0.15 kpc farther than both the cone hard energies and the cross-cone region.

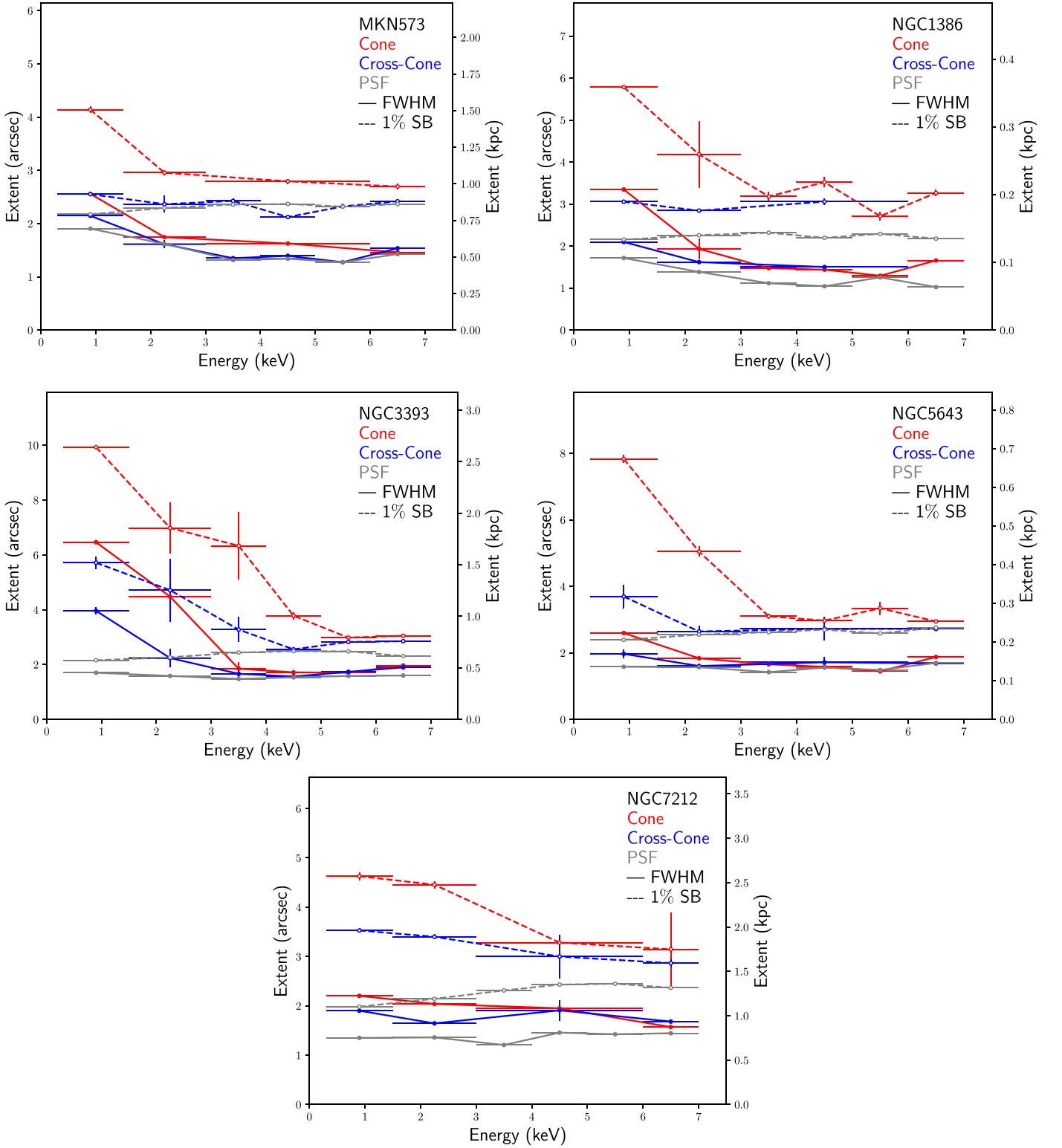


Figure 6. Emission extent as a function of energy calculated from the radial profiles for both the cone (red) and cross-cone (blue) regions of each CT AGN in our sample. The extent of the corresponding Chandra PSF is shown in gray. Solid lines: FWHM surface brightness. Dashed lines: full width at 1% of the peak surface brightness. Also shown are the 1σ errors.

3.3. NGC 3393

NGC 3393 is elongated in the “cone” region (Figure 17) and continues to have an azimuthal dependence even in the hard X-rays, although to a lesser extent. The radial profiles (Figure 17) that we extract are peaky nearest the central point

source before exhibiting a bump outside of $\sim 10''$ in the cone region, similar to MKN 573 and NGC 1386.

From these radial profiles, we calculate the excess counts above the Chandra PSF and find the most counts out of our entire sample, $13,080 \pm 114$ counts in the cone and 3785 ± 62

Table 3
NGC 1386—Excess Counts over the Chandra PSF (Normalized to the Central 0''.5) for Select Energy Bands

Energy (keV)	Total Counts		Counts > 0''.5		Counts > 1''.5		Extended Fraction		Total Excess Fraction	
	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone
0.3–1.5	3747 ± 61	1520 ± 39	2783 ± 53	713 ± 27	2022 ± 45	438 ± 21	53.9 ± 1.5	28.8 ± 1.6	74.3 ± 1.9	46.9 ± 2.1
1.5–3.0	480 ± 22	200 ± 14	298 ± 17	93 ± 10	172 ± 13	58 ± 8	35.9 ± 3.2	29.1 ± 4.3	62.0 ± 4.6	46.4 ± 5.8
3.0–4.0	132 ± 12	40 ± 6	89 ± 9	19 ± 4	60 ± 8	15 ± 4	45.3 ± 7.1	37.1 ± 11.3	67.5 ± 9.3	47.4 ± 13.3
4.0–5.0	83 ± 9	18 ± 4	51 ± 7	13 ± 4	28 ± 5	0 ± 0	33.3 ± 7.3	0.0 ± 0.0	62.0 ± 11.0	71.1 ± 26.3
5.0–6.0	63 ± 8	21 ± 5	32 ± 6	4 ± 2	15 ± 4	2 ± 1	23.3 ± 6.7	8.7 ± 6.7	51.0 ± 11.1	19.9 ± 10.6
6.0–7.0	148 ± 12	38 ± 6	82 ± 9	34 ± 6	26 ± 5	10 ± 3	17.2 ± 3.7	27.2 ± 9.5	54.9 ± 7.6	89.6 ± 21.1
7.0–8.0	17 ± 4	9 ± 3	17 ± 4	10 ± 3	5 ± 2	8 ± 3	30.9 ± 15.3	97.0 ± 35.1	98.6 ± 33.6	119.7 ± 55.2
0.3–8.0	4667 ± 68	1846 ± 43	3352 ± 58	886 ± 30	2313 ± 48	523 ± 23	49.6 ± 1.3	28.3 ± 1.4	71.8 ± 1.6	48.0 ± 2.0

in the cross-cone for 0.3–8.0 keV (Table 4). Similarly, in the hard X-rays between 6–7 keV, we find 203 ± 14 excess counts in the cone and 169 ± 13 counts in the cross-cone. The total excess fraction for these energy bands are $88.2\% \pm 1.1\%$ in the cone and $70.4\% \pm 1.5\%$ in the cross-cone for 0.3–8.0 keV, and $30.8\% \pm 2.5\%$ in the cone and $30.5\% \pm 2.7\%$ in the cross-cone for 6–7 keV. Likewise, the extended fractions are $70.1\% \pm 0.9\%$ in the cone and $41.9\% \pm 1.1\%$ in the cross-cone, and $12.4\% \pm 1.5\%$ in the cone and $9.2\% \pm 1.3\%$ in the cross-cone region. All three metrics are significant in the cone and cross-cone regions. This is further evidence of extended hard X-ray emission in NGC 3393, as first suggested in Maksym et al. (2017) and later in Maksym et al. (2019), and is consistent with wind-driven shocks and collisionally excited gas.

The FWHM extent deviates from that of MKN 573 and NGC 1386 (Figure 6; middle left). Below 3 keV, there is a much more significant slope in the measured extent. The cone extends >1 kpc in the soft X-rays than in the hard X-rays, and >0.5 kpc compared to the cross-cone in the same soft energy bin. Similarly, there is a steep slope at 1% of the surface brightness, but that flattens at higher energies than the FWHM. The cone region is extended >1 kpc more than the cross-cone at the softest energies and is ~ 1.9 kpc more extended than the hard band.

3.4. NGC 5643

NGC 5643 has an azimuthal dependence, as in the other CT AGNs discussed thus far, however, this dependence is not symmetric around the central point source (Figure 19). There exists an interesting soft X-ray excess in the east cone region. As the energy increases, this asymmetry lessens and even transitions to a slight excess in the west cone region in the hard energy bands. The radial profiles are consistent with this picture and show lopsided curves surrounding the central point source (Figure 20).

The total excess counts in the 0.3–8.0 keV band are 2880 ± 54 in the cone region and 1052 ± 32 in the cross-cone region (Table 5). At the 6–7 keV energies, we find 93 ± 10 counts in the cone and 38 ± 6 counts in cross-cone region. Based on these counts, the total excess fraction is $75.3\% \pm 1.9\%$ in the cone and $53.9\% \pm 2.1\%$ in the cross-cone for 0.3–8.0 keV, and $38.1\% \pm 4.6\%$ in the cone and $14.6 \pm 2.6\%$ in the cross-cone region for 6–7 keV. Meanwhile, the total extended fractions are $64.0\% \pm 1.7\%$ in the cone and $43.8\% \pm 1.8\%$ in the cross-cone region for 0.3–8.0 keV, and $15.8\% \pm 2.7\%$ in the cone and $8.0\% \pm 1.8\%$ in the cross-cone

region for 6–7 keV. All three metrics are significant in the cone and cross-cone regions.

We find that the calculated FWHM for both the cone and cross-cone region are consistent with a flat relationship with energy, other than at the softest energy band where they differ by <1 kpc (Figure 6; middle right). At 1% of the surface brightness, the cone region is extended ~ 0.4 kpc farther in the soft than in the hard X-rays, while the cross-cone is similar to FWHM, not changing above 1.5 keV. Furthermore, the cone region extends ~ 0.38 kpc farther than the cross-cone at 1% of the surface brightness.

3.5. NGC 7212

Unlike the other CT AGNs in this sample, NGC 7212 does not exhibit a strong azimuthal dependence (Figure 21), therefore we select the “cone” region to align with the optically classified extended narrow-line emission region (e.g., Congiu et al. 2017). Extracting the radial profiles was made more challenging due to contamination from the companion galaxies in the north cone region and the soft X-ray filaments that connect them. They exhibit a similar “bump” to the other CT AGNs in the inner arcsecond-sized region, but due to its distance, these potential wings are not well resolved (Figure 22).

The excess counts above the PSF in 0.3–8.0 keV are 1359 ± 37 in the cone and 731 ± 27 in the cross-cone (Table 6). This corresponds to a total excess fraction of $54.9\% \pm 1.9\%$ in the cone and $41.6\% \pm 1.8\%$ in the cross-cone region. Focusing on the extended emission, the total extended fraction is $30.3\% \pm 1.3\%$ in the cone and $18.8\% \pm 1.1\%$ in the cross-cone region. At the hard energy band, 6–7 keV, we find counts in excess of 54 ± 7 in the cone and 42 ± 7 in the cross-cone region. The excess fraction for this hard band is $27.4\% \pm 4.2\%$ in the cone and $23.3\% \pm 4.0\%$ in the cross-cone. Comparing the excess fraction to the extended fraction, we find for 6–7 keV, a total extended fraction of $8.8\% \pm 2.2\%$ in the cone and $5.6\% \pm 1.8\%$ in the cross-cone. All three metrics are significant in the cone and cross-cone regions.

For NGC 7212, the FWHM in arcseconds as a function of energy appears to be very much consistent with the other CT AGNs in this sample, although the extent in kiloparsecs is the largest in the sample (Figure 6; bottom). For the cone region, we find an extent of ~ 1.5 kpc in the softest band and a ~ 0.45 kpc difference in the extent between the soft and the hard X-rays. The cross-cone region, however, is much more consistent. At 1% of the surface brightness, the extent is flatter for the cross-cone than the cone region, especially above 3 keV. The cone is ~ 0.9 kpc more extended in the soft X-rays than

Table 4
NGC 3393—Excess Counts over the Chandra PSF (Normalized to the Central $0''.5$) for Select Energy Bands

Energy (keV)	Total Counts		Counts $> 0''.5$		Counts $> 1''.5$		Extended Fraction		Total Excess Fraction	
	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone
0.3–1.5	10,019 $\pm$ 100	2839 $\pm$ 53	9550 $\pm$ 98	2531 $\pm$ 50	7764 $\pm$ 88	1554 $\pm$ 39	77.5 $\pm$ 1.2	54.7 $\pm$ 1.7	95.3 $\pm$ 1.4	89.1 $\pm$ 2.4
1.5–3.0	2805 $\pm$ 53	1047 $\pm$ 32	2434 $\pm$ 49	781 $\pm$ 28	1952 $\pm$ 44	530 $\pm$ 23	69.6 $\pm$ 2.1	50.6 $\pm$ 2.7	86.8 $\pm$ 2.4	74.6 $\pm$ 3.5
3.0–4.0	464 $\pm$ 22	261 $\pm$ 16	375 $\pm$ 19	154 $\pm$ 12	297 $\pm$ 17	117 $\pm$ 11	64.0 $\pm$ 4.8	44.9 $\pm$ 5.0	80.9 $\pm$ 5.6	59.1 $\pm$ 6.0
4.0–5.0	328 $\pm$ 18	244 $\pm$ 16	166 $\pm$ 13	58 $\pm$ 8	117 $\pm$ 11	45 $\pm$ 7	35.8 $\pm$ 3.9	18.4 $\pm$ 3.0	50.7 $\pm$ 4.8	23.8 $\pm$ 3.5
5.0–6.0	301 $\pm$ 17	281 $\pm$ 17	102 $\pm$ 10	82 $\pm$ 9	59 $\pm$ 8	48 $\pm$ 7	19.5 $\pm$ 2.8	17.0 $\pm$ 2.7	34.0 $\pm$ 3.9	29.2 $\pm$ 3.7
6.0–7.0	661 $\pm$ 26	555 $\pm$ 24	203 $\pm$ 14	169 $\pm$ 13	82 $\pm$ 9	51 $\pm$ 7	12.4 $\pm$ 1.5	9.2 $\pm$ 1.3	30.8 $\pm$ 2.5	30.5 $\pm$ 2.7
7.0–8.0	53 $\pm$ 7	51 $\pm$ 7	46 $\pm$ 7	30 $\pm$ 6	35 $\pm$ 6	19 $\pm$ 4	66.8 $\pm$ 14.6	37.5 $\pm$ 10.1	87.2 $\pm$ 17.6	60.2 $\pm$ 13.8
0.3–8.0	14,835 $\pm$ 122	5375 $\pm$ 73	13,080 $\pm$ 114	3785 $\pm$ 62	10,400 $\pm$ 102	2254 $\pm$ 48	70.1 $\pm$ 0.9	41.9 $\pm$ 1.1	88.2 $\pm$ 1.1	70.4 $\pm$ 1.5

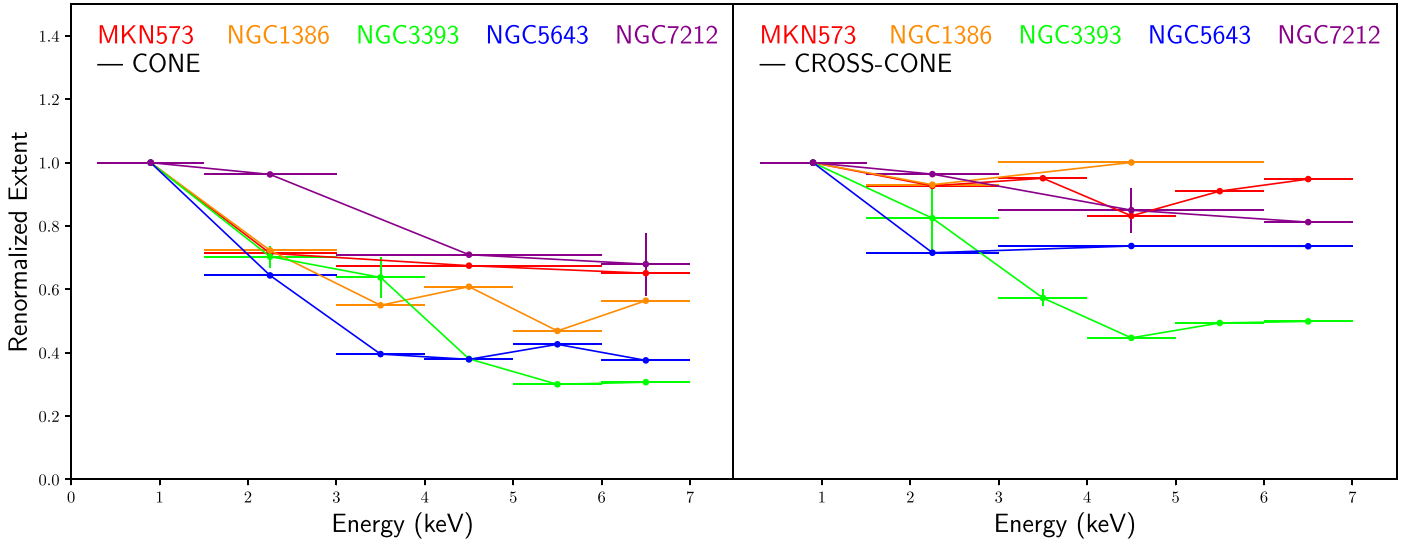


Figure 7. Renormalized extent (kiloparsecs) at 1% of the surface brightness for our sample of five CT AGNs as a function of energy: (left) cone regions; (right) cross-cone regions.

Table 5
NGC 5643—Excess Counts over the Chandra PSF (Normalized to the Central $0''.5$) for Select Energy Bands

Energy (keV)	Total Counts		$>0''.5$		$>1''.5$		Extended Fraction		Total Excess Fraction	
	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone
0.3–1.5	2288 ± 48	812 ± 29	2013 ± 45	588 ± 24	1762 ± 42	477 ± 22	77.0 ± 2.4	58.7 ± 3.4	88.0 ± 2.7	72.3 ± 3.9
1.5–3.0	653 ± 26	376 ± 19	481 ± 22	198 ± 14	424 ± 21	190 ± 14	64.9 ± 4.0	50.6 ± 4.5	73.6 ± 4.4	52.6 ± 4.6
3.0–4.0	220 ± 15	147 ± 12	126 ± 11	70 ± 8	94 ± 10	61 ± 8	42.5 ± 5.2	41.3 ± 6.3	57.0 ± 6.4	47.6 ± 6.9
4.0–5.0	202 ± 14	197 ± 14	109 ± 10	76 ± 9	81 ± 9	76 ± 9	40.3 ± 5.3	38.3 ± 5.2	53.9 ± 6.4	38.8 ± 5.2
5.0–6.0	152 ± 12	110 ± 11	71 ± 8	29 ± 5	34 ± 6	29 ± 5	22.5 ± 4.3	15.9 ± 4.1	47.0 ± 6.7	26.3 ± 5.5
6.0–7.0	244 ± 16	256 ± 16	93 ± 10	38 ± 6	39 ± 6	21 ± 5	15.8 ± 2.7	8.0 ± 1.8	38.1 ± 4.6	14.6 ± 2.6
7.0–8.0	61 ± 8	46 ± 7	47 ± 7	33 ± 6	37 ± 6	27 ± 5	61.3 ± 12.7	58.2 ± 14.1	77.3 ± 15.0	72.0 ± 16.4
0.3–8.0	3826 ± 62	1950 ± 44	2880 ± 54	1052 ± 32	2448 ± 50	856 ± 29	64.0 ± 1.7	43.9 ± 1.8	75.3 ± 1.9	53.9 ± 2.1

Table 6
NGC 7212—Excess Counts over the Chandra PSF (Normalized to the Central $0''.5$) for Select Energy Bands

Energy (keV)	Total Counts		$>0''.5$		$>1''.5$		Extended Fraction		Total Excess Fraction	
	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone	Cone	Cross-cone
0.3–1.5	868 ± 30	631 ± 25	552 ± 24	328 ± 18	339 ± 18	172 ± 13	39.0 ± 2.5	27.3 ± 2.3	63.7 ± 3.5	52.0 ± 3.5
1.5–3.0	688 ± 26	429 ± 21	393 ± 20	141 ± 12	221 ± 15	75 ± 9	32.1 ± 2.5	17.5 ± 2.2	57.1 ± 3.6	32.9 ± 3.2
3.0–4.0	252 ± 16	181 ± 13	119 ± 11	80 ± 9	56 ± 8	24 ± 5	22.2 ± 3.3	13.0 ± 2.8	47.4 ± 5.3	44.1 ± 5.9
4.0–5.0	221 ± 15	153 ± 12	101 ± 10	35 ± 6	48 ± 7	17 ± 4	21.7 ± 3.5	11.1 ± 2.8	45.8 ± 5.5	22.8 ± 4.3
5.0–6.0	207 ± 14	147 ± 12	73 ± 9	47 ± 7	42 ± 7	14 ± 4	20.4 ± 3.4	9.8 ± 2.7	35.4 ± 4.8	31.9 ± 5.3
6.0–7.0	196 ± 14	180 ± 13	54 ± 7	42 ± 7	17 ± 4	10 ± 3	8.8 ± 2.2	5.6 ± 1.8	27.4 ± 4.2	23.3 ± 4.0
7.0–8.0	43 ± 7	39 ± 6	18 ± 4	27 ± 5	13 ± 4	22 ± 5	30.1 ± 9.6	55.7 ± 14.8	40.9 ± 11.6	67.9 ± 17.0
0.3–8.0	2475 ± 50	1760 ± 42	1359 ± 37	731 ± 27	751 ± 27	331 ± 18	30.3 ± 1.3	18.8 ± 1.1	54.9 ± 1.9	41.6 ± 1.8

both the corresponding cross-cone soft band and the cone hard band.

4. Discussion

4.1. Spatial Extent at 1% Surface Brightness

As discussed in Section 3, we use the radial profile width at 1% of the surface brightness as a proxy measurement for the X-ray extent of our CT AGNs. For the cone region, we find that the CT AGN with the largest measured extent is NGC 3393 with $\text{extent}_{1\%} = 2.6$ kpc in the soft X-rays. The next closest is

NGC 7212, the most distant source in our sample, with $\text{extent}_{1\%} = 2.55$ kpc in the soft X-rays. The remaining sources peak at 1.5 kpc (MKN 574), 0.67 kpc (NGC 5643), and 0.36 kpc (NGC 1386). In the cross-cone region, NGC 7212 is the most extended at 1.9 kpc. This is less surprising since NGC 7212 exhibits the least azimuthally dependent morphology. The other sources peak at 1.5 kpc (NGC 3393), 0.9 (MKN 573), 0.3 kpc (NGC 5643), and 0.19 kpc (NGC 1386).

To better compare the slopes of these extent-energy relationships, we renormalized the extent of each source in kiloparsecs to the softest X-ray band (Figure 7), and fit the slopes with a

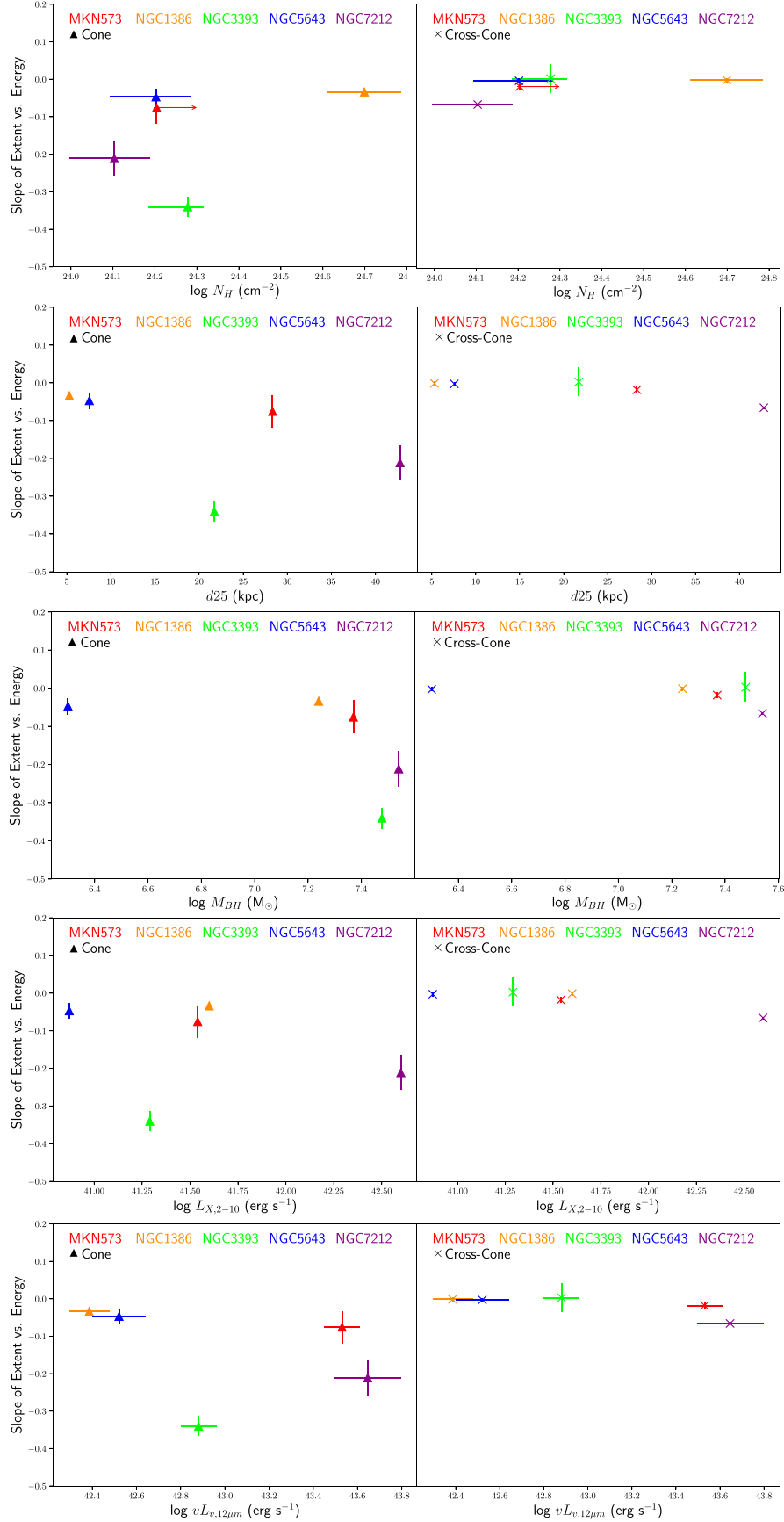


Figure 8. Best-fit slope of the extent at 1% of the surface brightness vs. energy in the cone and cross-cone regions (Figure 7) for each of the five CT AGNs as a function of observed properties (top to bottom): $\log N_H$, d_{25} , $\log M_{BH}$, $\log L_{X,2-10}$ keV, and $\log vL_{\nu,12\mu m}$. For each characteristic property, we find that the extent in the cross-cone region is less likely to be influenced by energy (i.e., the slope is consistent with 0). We observe a potentially interesting trend with black hole mass in the cone region (center left).

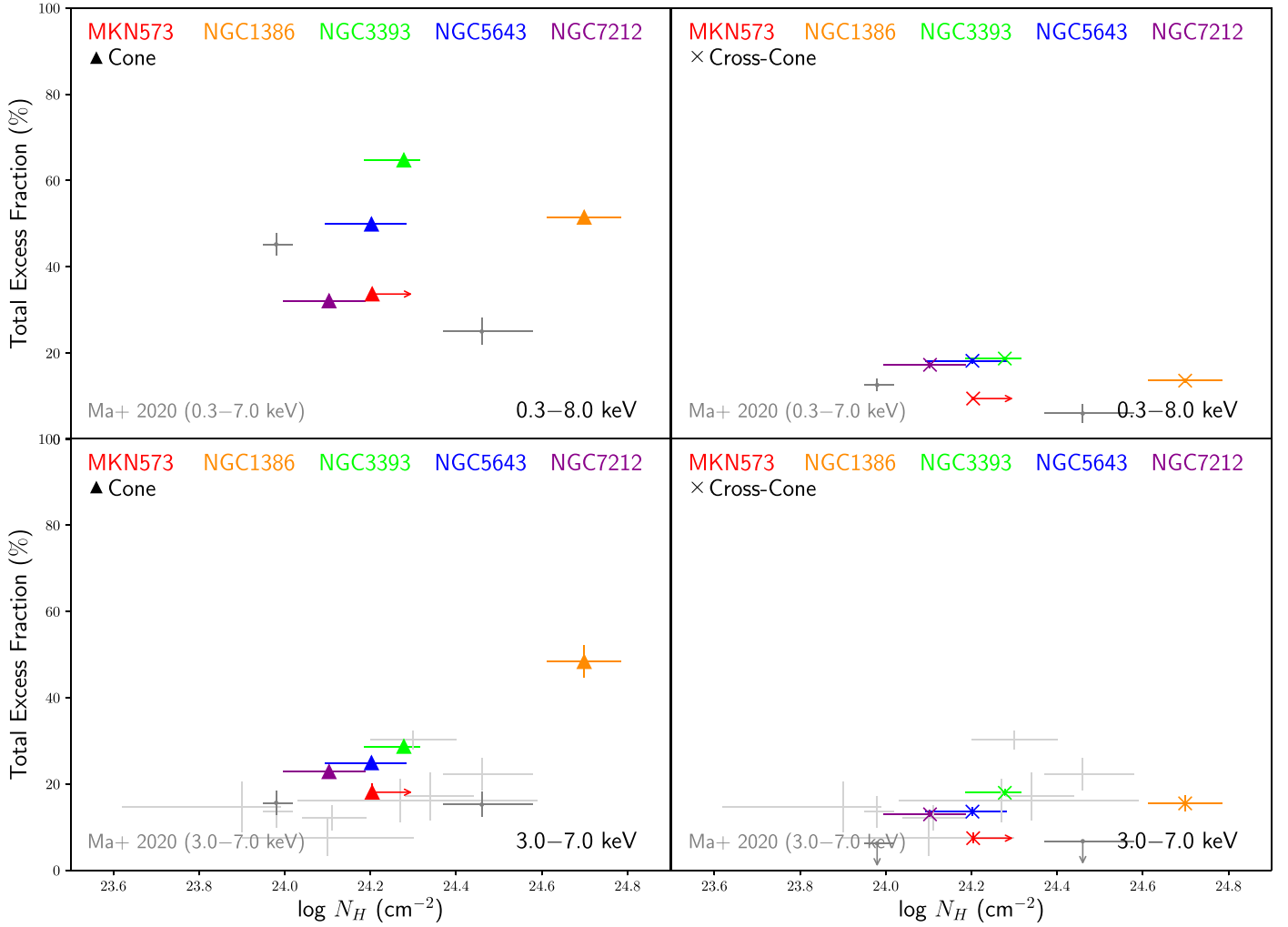


Figure 9. Total excess fraction in the cone (left) and cross-cone (right) regions for each of the five CT AGNs as a function of column density ($\log N_H$; Table 7) for both the wide band (0.3–8.0 keV; top) and hard band (3.0–7.0 keV; bottom). We include the sources from Ma et al. (2020) for comparison with the 3.0–7.0 keV, but note that the excess fraction is calculated for the cone and cross-cone regions for only two sources (gray), while we include eight sources for which the excess fraction is calculated for the entire circular region (light gray). We find that the excess fraction in the cone region is more dispersed in the wide band than the hard band and exhibits a slight trend in the hard band consistent with Ma et al. (2020). The cross-cone region, however, is fairly flat across both energy ranges.

Table 7
Total Combined Excess Fraction and Observed Properties of Our CT AGNs

Source	Total Excess Fraction Cone+Cross-cone	$\log N_H^a$ (cm^{-2})	d_{25}^b (kpc)	$\log M_{\text{BH}}^c$ ($M_\odot$)	$\log L_{\text{x},2-10 \text{ keV}}^d$ (erg s^{-1})	$\log \nu L_{\nu,12 \mu\text{m}}^e$ (erg s^{-1})	λ_{Edd}^f
MKN 573	43.1 ± 0.8	>24.2	28.33 ± 0.06	7.37	41.54	43.53 ± 0.08	0.0105
NGC 1386	65.1 ± 1.3	24.70 ± 0.09	5.29 ± 0.004	7.24	41.60	42.39 ± 0.09	0.0010
NGC 3393	83.4 ± 0.9	$24.28^{+0.09}_{-0.04}$	21.73 ± 0.02	7.48	41.29	42.88 ± 0.08	0.0018
NGC 5643	68.1 ± 1.4	$24.20^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	7.56 ± 0.004	6.30	40.87	42.52 ± 0.12	0.0121
NGC 7212	49.3 ± 1.3	$24.10^{+0.11}_{-0.08}$	42.78 ± 0.09	7.54	42.60	43.65 ± 0.15	0.0092

Notes.

^a Guainazzi et al. (2005), Brightman et al. (2015), Marchesi et al. (2018).

^b de Vaucouleurs et al. (1991).

^c Bian & Gu (2007), Konradko et al. (2008), Hernández-García et al. (2015).

^d González-Martín et al. (2015), Hernández-García et al. (2015).

^e Asmus et al. (2014).

^f $\lambda_{\text{Edd}} = \nu L_{\nu,12 \mu\text{m}} / L_{\text{Edd}}$, where $L_{\text{Edd}} = 1.38 \times 10^{38} \times M_{\text{BH}}$ and $\nu L_{\nu,12 \mu\text{m}}$ is used as a proxy for L_{bol} .

simple line model. We find that the cone regions exhibit steeper drops in the X-ray extent with increasing energy, averaging a $\sim 50\%$ drop by 6–7 keV. This energy dependence is similar to

that found in ESO 428-G014 (Fabbiano et al. 2018a), and suggests that the molecular clouds scattering photons are consistent across the CT AGN population and richer at smaller

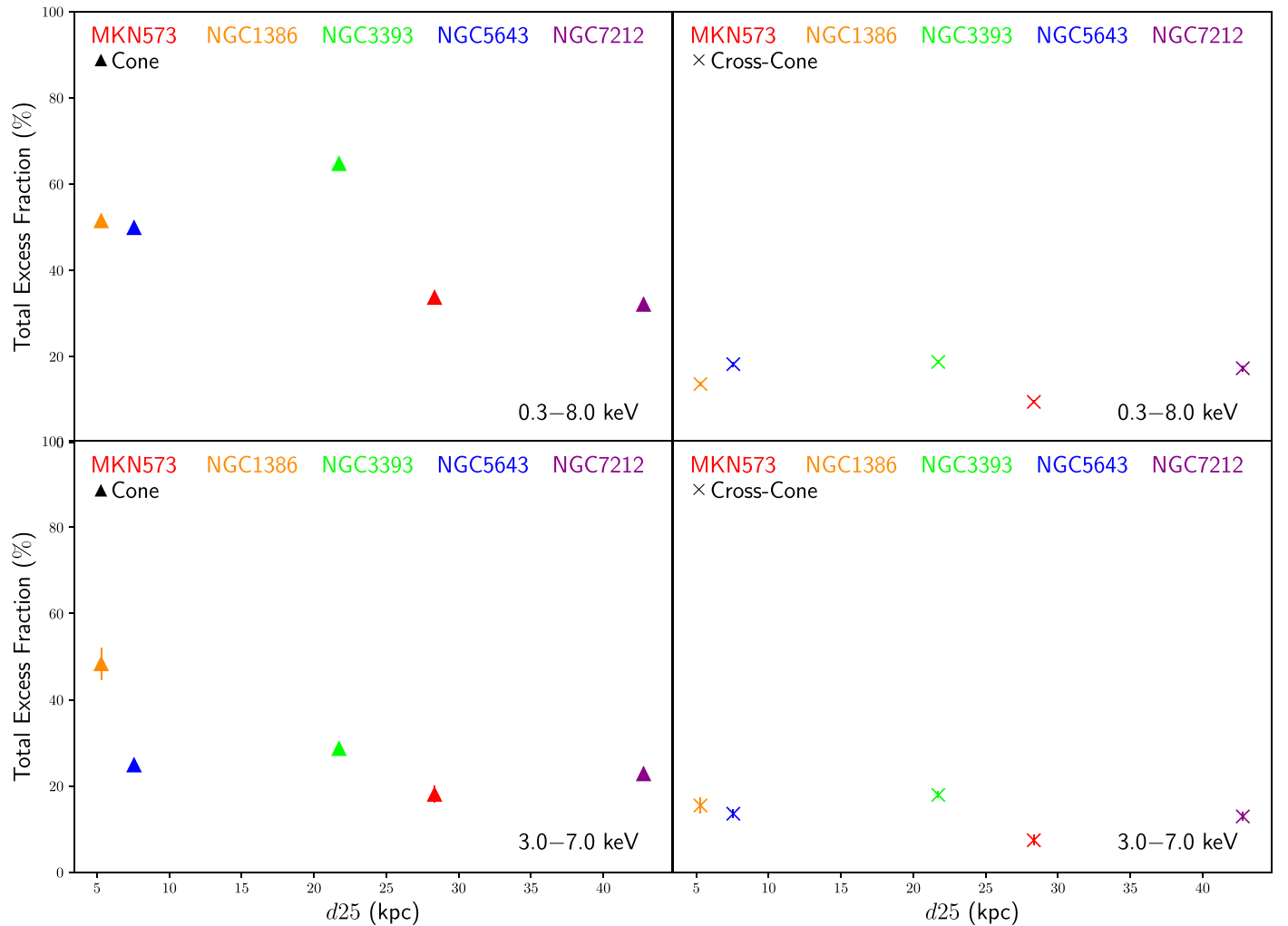


Figure 10. Total excess fraction in the cone (left) and cross-cone (right) regions for each of the five CT AGNs as a function of host galaxy diameter (d_{25} ; Table 7) for both the wide band (0.3–8.0 keV; top) and hard band (3.0–7.0 keV; bottom). We find some indication of a negative trend in excess fraction with increasing d_{25} for the cone region, but none in the cross-cone region.

galactic radii (this is also observed in Milky Way molecular clouds; e.g., Nakanishi & Sofue 2006). In comparison, the cross-cone region is much flatter (with the exception of NGC 3393 that more closely matches the cone regime). Excluding NGC 3393, the cross-cone extent drops by $\sim 10\%$, on average, by 6–7 keV.

The stronger dependence on energy in the cone region compared to the cross-cone may be explained by an inclination effect of the ionization cone with respect to the galaxy disk. The ionization cone itself often arises as AGN photons propagate through and interact with the interstellar medium (ISM) in the galaxy disk (e.g., Schmitt & Kinney 1996). Soft X-rays are emitted via the photoionization of the diffuse, gaseous ISM and through collisional ionization in the presence of a jet (e.g., MKN 573, Paggi et al. 2012), while the hard X-rays originate from the interaction of AGN photons with dense molecular clouds (e.g., Reynolds 1997). Based on our findings where the soft X-rays extend farther than the hard X-rays, we can surmise that there is a galactocentric radial dependence on the size and density of the disk molecular clouds, such that the largest, densest clouds where the hard X-rays originate are closest to the nucleus.

In this case, one can imagine that if there is an ionization cone fully aligned with and propagating through the disk, one would

observe the energy dependence we see in the cone region. There would be no dependence in the cross-cone region since the AGN photons do not interact with the disk ISM, and are solely interacting with the flattened disk of the innermost dense molecular clouds. Likewise, if the ionization cone propagates perpendicular to the host disk, there would not be an energy dependence in the cone. It would be possible, however, for the cross-cone to exhibit some energy dependence, although the emission would be suppressed by attenuation from the torus, compared to the cone region in the first example. That said, in the case of NGC 3393, where we observe an energy dependence in the cone and cross-cone region, it is possible that the ionization cone (and, by definition, cross-cone) has some characteristic inclination with respect to the galaxy disk such that the AGN photons from both regions interact with the inner dense molecular clouds, as well as the disk ISM at larger radii.

We further analyzed the slopes of the extent as a function of observed host galaxy and black hole properties; obscuring column density, host galaxy diameter (d_{25}), black hole mass, X-ray luminosity (2–10 keV), and $12\mu\text{m}$ luminosity (Table 7; Figure 8). For each characteristic property, we find little to no slope in the cross-cone region. In the cone region, the slopes are more diverse. Interestingly, the slope for NGC 3393 is very

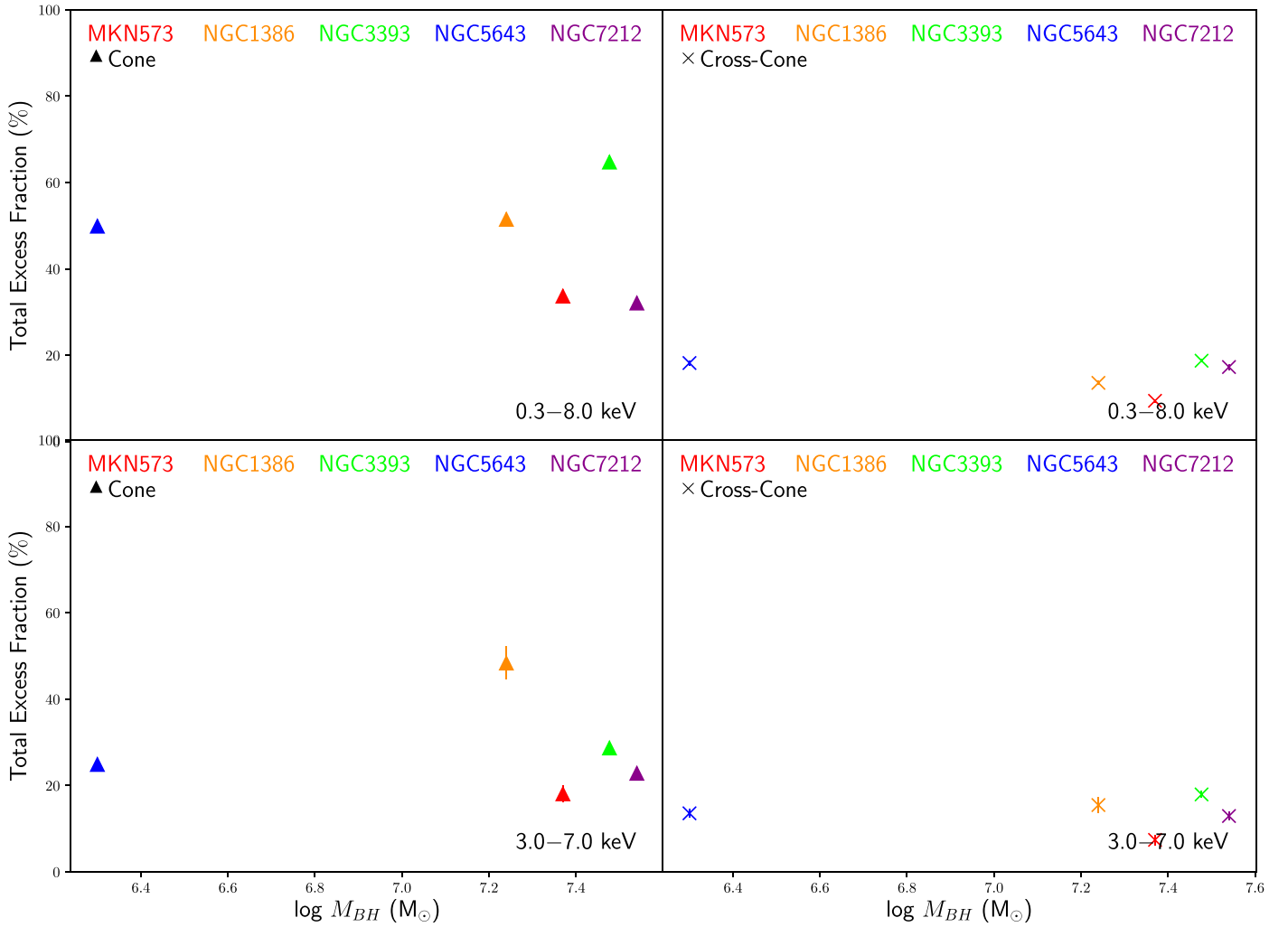


Figure 11. Total excess fraction in the cone (left) and cross-cone (right) regions for each of the five CT AGNs as a function of black hole mass ($\log M_{BH}$; Table 7) for both the wide band (0.3–8.0 keV; top) and hard band (3.0–7.0 keV; bottom). There is not much evidence that M_{BH} influences the total excess fraction in either energy band, but the cone region is more dispersed than the cross-cone region.

steep, deviating from a possible trend made by the other four sources in N_H , d_{25} , $\log L_{x,2-10}$, and $\log \nu L_{\nu,12 \mu m}$. For all five sources, however, there may exist an interesting correlation between M_{BH} and the slope of the extent as a function of energy, such that for higher black hole masses, the soft X-ray extent dominates the hard X-rays.

4.2. Spatial Extent as a Function of Observables

Since our sample is made up of “nearby” CT AGNs, the availability of multiwavelength data provides a unique advantage to probe the X-ray extent as a function of AGN and host galaxy properties (Table 7). We split our sample into their respective cone and cross-cone regions and then calculate the total excess fraction for these regions in the wide-band 0.3–8.0 keV and the hard-band 3.0–7.0 keV. When applicable, we compare these results with those from Ma et al. (2020), although we note that the excess fractions are calculated only to 8" in 0.3–7.0 keV and 3.0–7.0 keV. Furthermore, only two of the Ma et al. (2020) sources (NGC 3281 and ESO 137-G034) had enough counts to be separated into a cone and cross-cone region, while the remaining sources are treated in entirety.

4.2.1. Column Density

We first probe the dependence of the X-ray extent on the obscuring column density (Figure 9). We calculate the Pearson coefficient¹⁵ of this dependence in each region for each energy band, noting that our sources only cover a limited range in column density clustered around $\log N_H \sim 24$ and more sources with diverse column densities are required to better probe this correlation. In 0.3–8.0 keV we find a Pearson coefficient of 0.42 (0.09 including the Ma et al. 2020 sources) in the cone region, i.e., weakly and not significantly correlated. In 3.0–7.0 keV, however, we find a strong correlation in the cone region (coefficient of 0.95; 0.71 including the Ma et al. 2020 sources) between N_H and the total excess hard X-ray fraction that is stronger than that found with the Ma et al. (2020) sources alone (coefficient of 0.42), although the strength of this correlation is mostly driven by NGC 1386. In the cross-cone region for both the wider 0.3–8.0 keV band and the 3.0–7.0 keV hard X-ray band, we find only a slight correlation with coefficients of -0.24 (0.38 including the Ma et al. 2020 sources) and -0.26 (0.34 including the Ma et al. 2020 sources),

¹⁵ <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.stats.pearsonr.html>

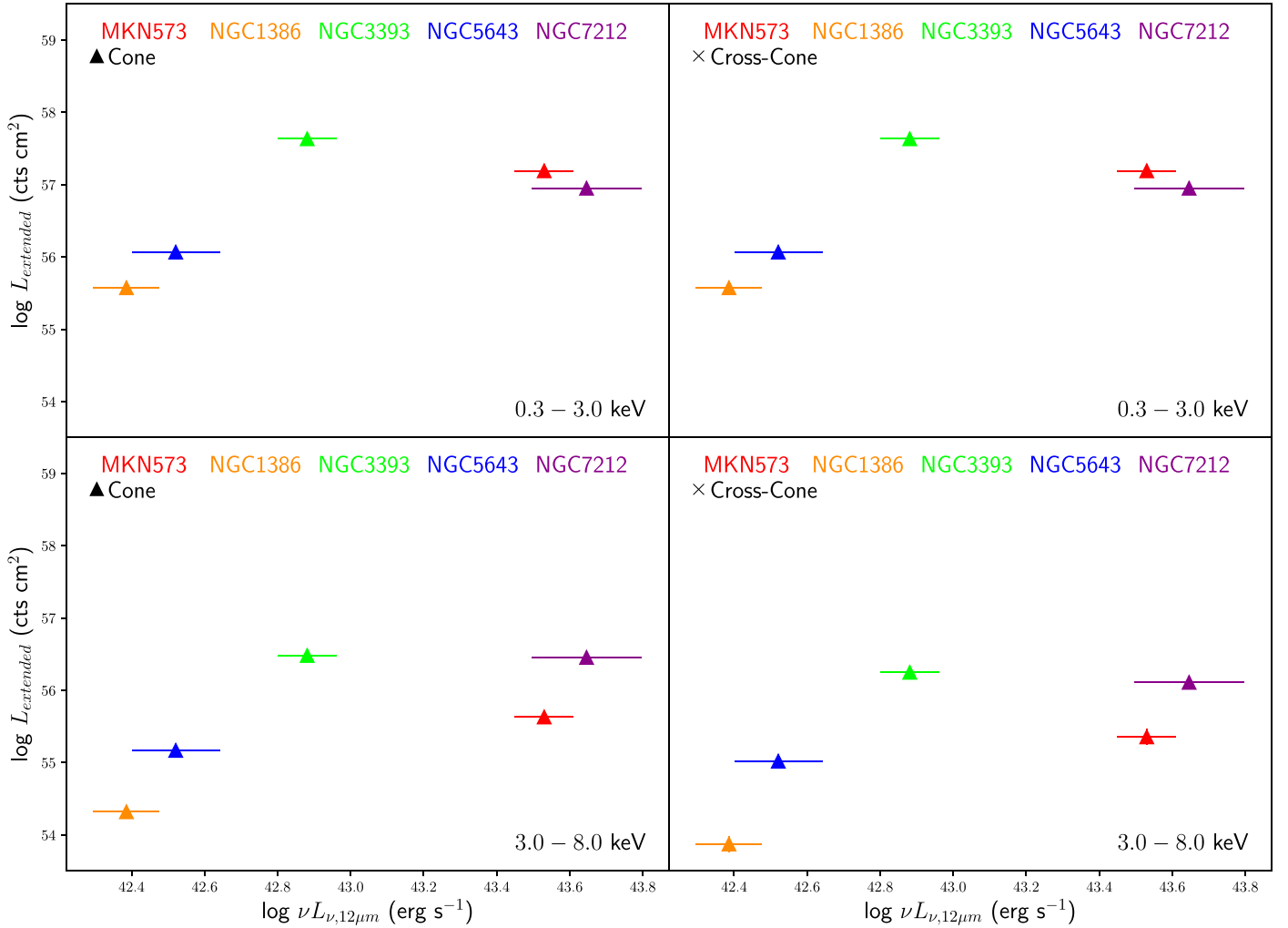


Figure 12. Luminosity of the extended emission in the cone (left) and cross-cone (right) regions for each of the five CT AGNs as a function of the nuclear luminosity for both the soft energy band (0.3–3.0 keV; top) and hard band (3.0–8.0 keV; bottom). We use the distance and PSF corrected, extended counts (Tables 2–6) as a proxy for the extended luminosity, and the 12 μm luminosity as a proxy for the nuclear luminosity ($\log \nu L_{\nu,12\mu\text{m}}$; Table 7). We find enhanced extended luminosities at higher nuclear luminosities, likely due to the increased availability of nuclear photons.

respectively. This suggests that the nuclear obscuration may be correlated with the abundance of molecular clouds in the disk. The cross-cone region, however, does not exhibit this trend. This may be explained by a torus with obscuration that dominates in this plane over any effects from molecular clouds, or more simply that molecular clouds are not coupled with obscuration of the torus in the disk plane.

4.2.2. Host Galaxy Diameter

For each source, we compare the excess fraction with the d_{25} diameter measure of the host galaxy from the Third Reference Catalog of Bright Galaxies (de Vaucouleurs et al. 1991), as shown in Figure 10. We calculate the Pearson coefficient of this dependence in each region for each energy band. In both the full-band and hard-band cone region, we find the excess fraction shallowly decreases with increasing d_{25} (Pearson coefficients of -0.62 and -0.64 , respectively). This may imply that the extent of the galaxy is uncoupled from the extent of the AGN emission, such that as the host galaxy increases in size, there is not any additional energy from the central source imparted into the host galaxy to maintain a constant excess fraction. This may be further complicated by evolutionary

effects, such that in the presence of strong outflows, the bicone may be more spatially developed. As with N_{H} , there is no significant trend observed in the cross-cone region (Pearson coefficients of -0.04 and -0.36 in 0.3–8.0 keV and 3.0–7.0 keV, respectively).

4.2.3. Black Hole Mass

The black hole masses for our sources are calculated from independent dynamical measurements (Bian & Gu 2007; Hernández-García et al. 2015) and determined from water maser observations (NGC 3393; Kondratko et al. 2008; Table 7). While the masses are not well constrained, we do not see a strong dependence on the total excess fraction with black hole mass for either energy band or region (Figure 11). The Pearson coefficients of these dependences are -0.18 (cone) and -0.26 (cross-cone) in 0.3–8.0 keV, and 0.17 (cone) and 0.003 (cross-cone) in 3.0–7.0 keV.

4.2.4. “Extended” X-Ray Luminosity

We then explore whether there is a correlation between the nuclear luminosity (for which we use 12 μm L_{IR} as a proxy) with the luminosity of the extended emission (Figure 12). We

calculate the extended luminosity using the extended counts (PSF subtracted counts $>1''5$; Tables 2–6) multiplied by $4\pi d^2$, where d is the distance in cm. We find a positive correlation between the extended luminosity with the nuclear luminosity for both the soft (0.3–3.0 keV; Pearson coefficient of 0.72) and hard (3.0–8.0 keV; Pearson coefficient of 0.72) X-ray bands. This is unsurprising, because with higher nuclear luminosities, there are more photons available to interact with the surrounding medium, boosting the extended luminosities.

5. Conclusion

We have analyzed and compared the spatial extent of five CT AGNs that exhibit extended X-ray emission in Chandra observations.

1. We find extended emission in the cone region for all five CT AGNs in our sample, MKN 573, NGC 1386, NGC 3393, NGC 5643, and NGC 7212. This emission is significant across all three of our metrics, including counts over the PSF, the total excess fraction, and the extended fraction for both the full X-ray band (0.3–8.0 keV) and surrounding the Fe K α line (6–7 keV).
2. We find extended emission in the cross-cone region for the majority of our CT AGNs. We find significant counts over the Chandra PSF, total excess fraction, and extended fraction for the entire sample from 0.3 keV to 8.0 keV. For 6–7 keV, however, MKN 573 and NGC 1386 do not exhibit $>3\sigma$ significance in the extended fraction (although counts $>0''5$ and total excess fraction are significant).
3. We show that the extent as a function of energy at 1% of the surface brightness in the cone region of our CT AGNs exhibits a steeper relationship compared to the cross-cone region (with the exception of NGC 3393 for which the cone and cross-cone exhibit similar slopes). This may be explained by an inclination effect, in which the orientation of the ionization cone with respect to the galactic disk molecular clouds impacts the extent to which the soft X-rays propagate through the ISM. We further investigate these slopes as a function of galaxy properties and find for the cone region that the slope decreases as the mass of the black hole increases.
4. We compare the extent of our sample at 1% of the surface brightness with the column densities for both the cone and cross-cone region. In the cone region, we find a positive trend between N_{H} and the X-ray extent that may indicate that nuclear obscuration along the ionization cone is correlated with the disk molecular clouds. The cross-cone does not exhibit a trend, suggesting that the nuclear torus is the dominant obscurer.

5. We do not find a clear correlation between the excess fraction and black hole mass for our sample, despite finding that as the black hole mass increases, the soft X-rays extend farther than the hard X-rays. We do find, however, a shallow trend in the excess fraction of our five CT AGNs in the cone region with host galaxy extent (d_{25}), but no trend in the cross-cone region.
6. We use L_{IR} as a proxy for the nuclear luminosity and investigate how luminosity impacts the luminosity of the extended X-rays. To do this, we use the counts $\times 4\pi d^2$ as a proxy for the extended luminosity. We find that as the nuclear luminosity increases, the extended luminosity also increases, likely due to the heightened availability of AGN photons.

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Appendix X-Ray Extent as a Function of Energy

We have appended both adaptively smoothed images, divided into six energy bins, and cone and cross-cone radial profiles of our five CT AGNs: MKN573 (Figures 13 and 14), NGC 1386 (Figure 15), NGC 3393 (Figure 17), NGC 5643 (Figure 19), and NGC 7212 (Figure 21). We have also included the radial profiles of our five CT AGNs for both the cone and cross-cone regions that correspond to the energy bins in the adaptively smoothed images: MKN 573 (Figure 14), NGC 1386 (Figure 16), NGC 3393 (Figure 18), NGC 5643 (Figure 20), and NGC 7212 (Figure 22). We fit these radial profiles using the spline approximation described in Section 3 and calculate the FWHM and extent at 1% of the surface brightness for both the cone and cross-cone region and each of the energy bins.

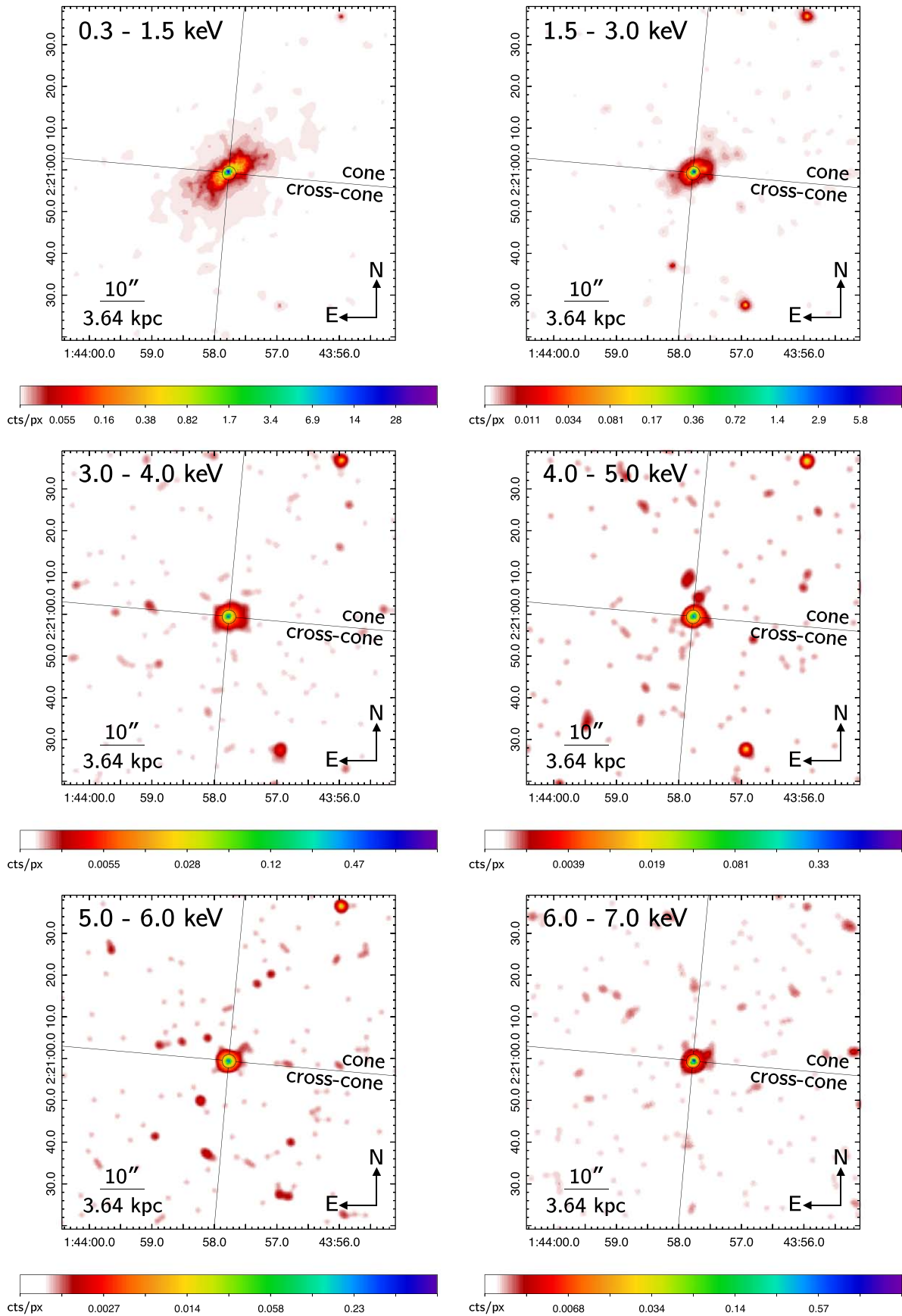


Figure 13. Adaptively smoothed images of MKN 573 in the indicated energy bands on image pixel = $1/8$ ACIS pixel (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 2–5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations). The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$. Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.546 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone regions.

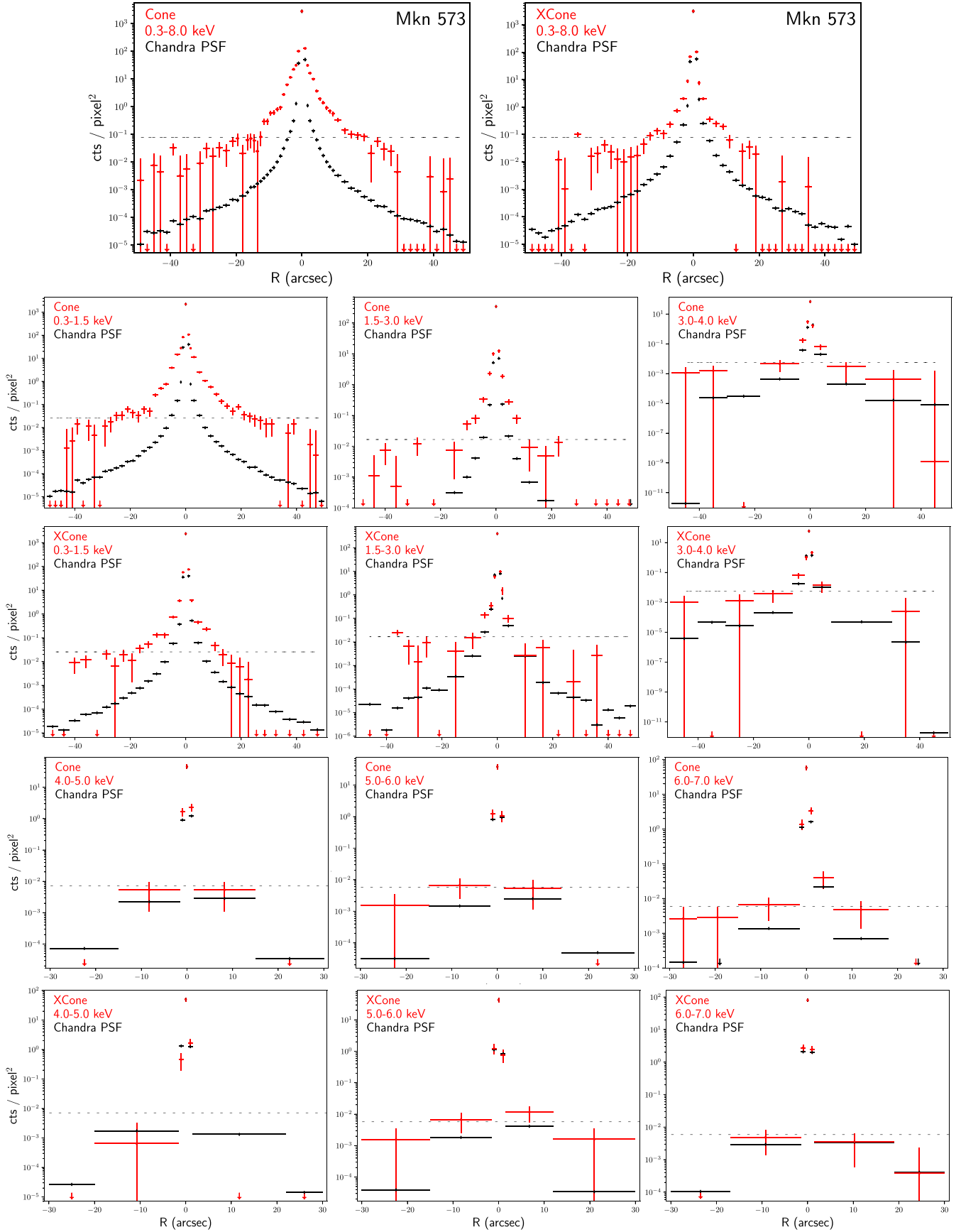


Figure 14. Background subtracted radial profiles of MKN 573 for the indicated energy bands compared to the Chandra PSF, which has been renormalized to the 0⁰/5 (0.182 kpc) nuclear region for both the cone and cross-cone regions (as labeled “Cone” and “XCone,” respectively). Each bin contains a minimum of 10 counts and is shown with 1 σ errors. We include a dashed horizontal line to indicate the level of background emission and note that points below this line are valid data since the background has already been subtracted. Downward arrows indicate a region at or below the background.

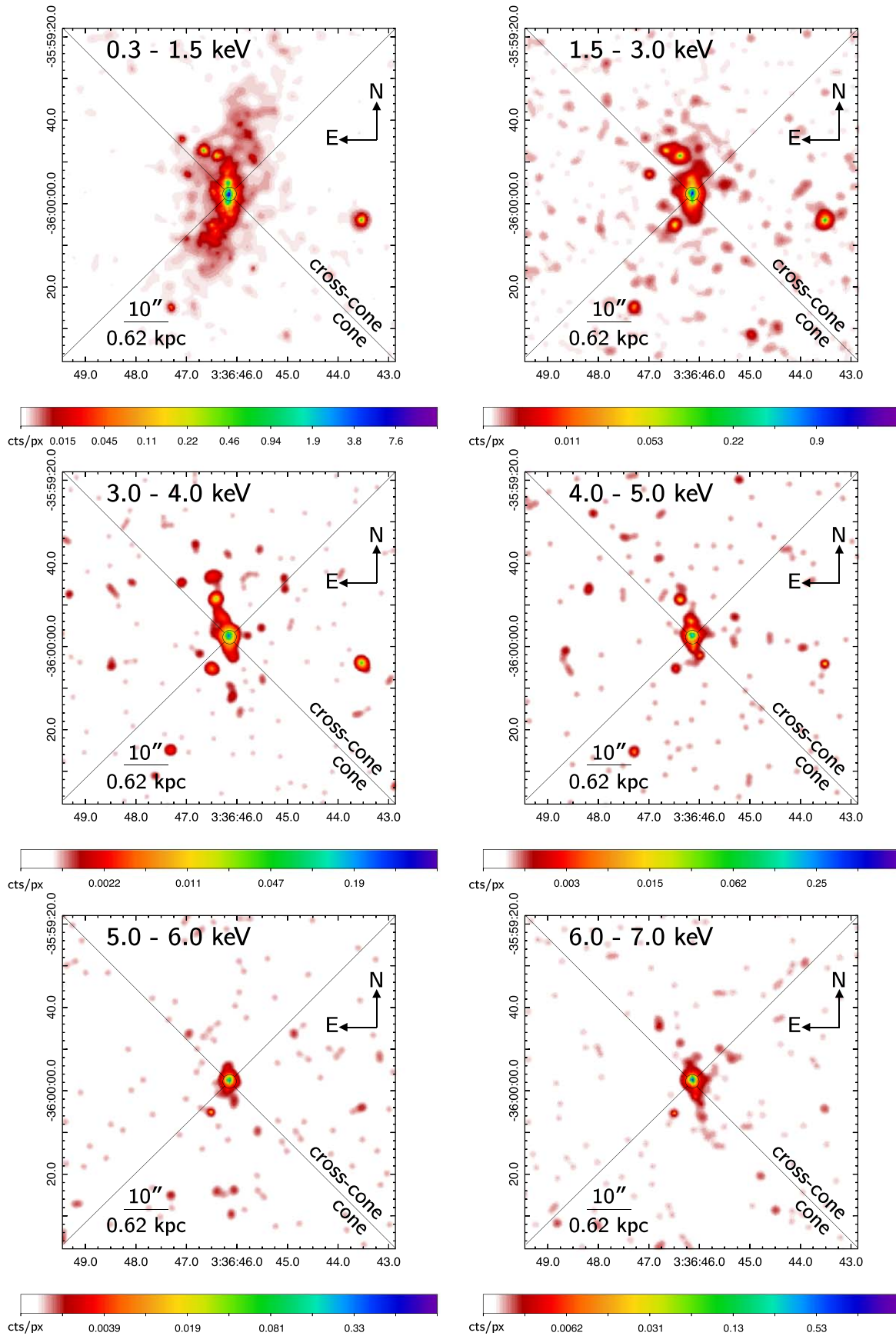


Figure 15. Adaptively smoothed images of NGC 1386 in the indicated energy bands on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 2–5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations). The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$. Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.093 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone regions.

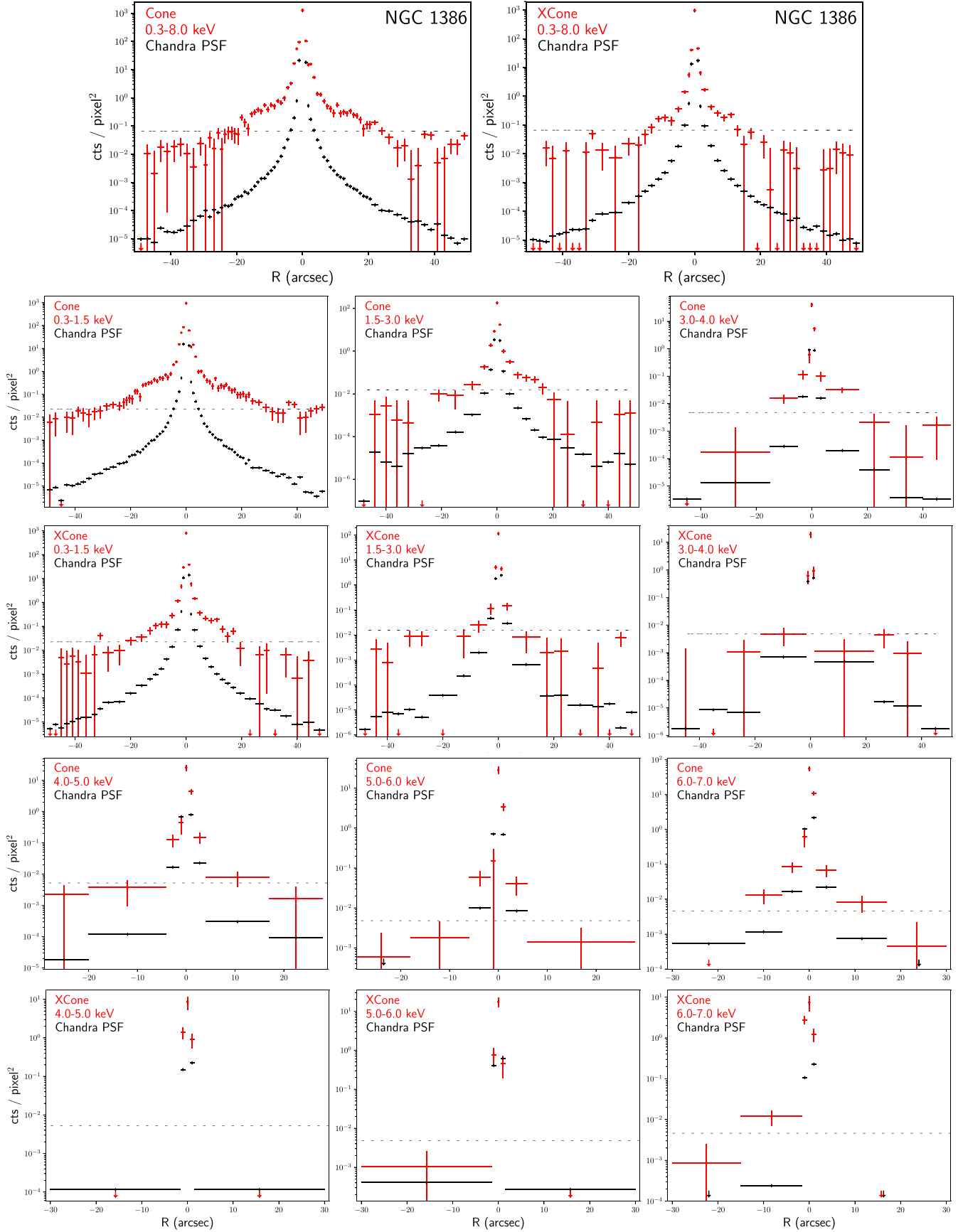


Figure 16. Background subtracted radial profiles of NGC 1386 for the indicated energy bands compared to the Chandra PSF, which has been renormalized to the $0''.5$ (0.031 kpc) nuclear region for both the cone and cross-cone regions (as labeled “Cone” and “XCone,” respectively). Each bin contains a minimum of 10 counts and is shown with 1σ errors. We include a dashed horizontal line to indicate the level of background emission and note that points below this line are valid data since the background has already been subtracted. Downward arrows indicate a region at or below the background.

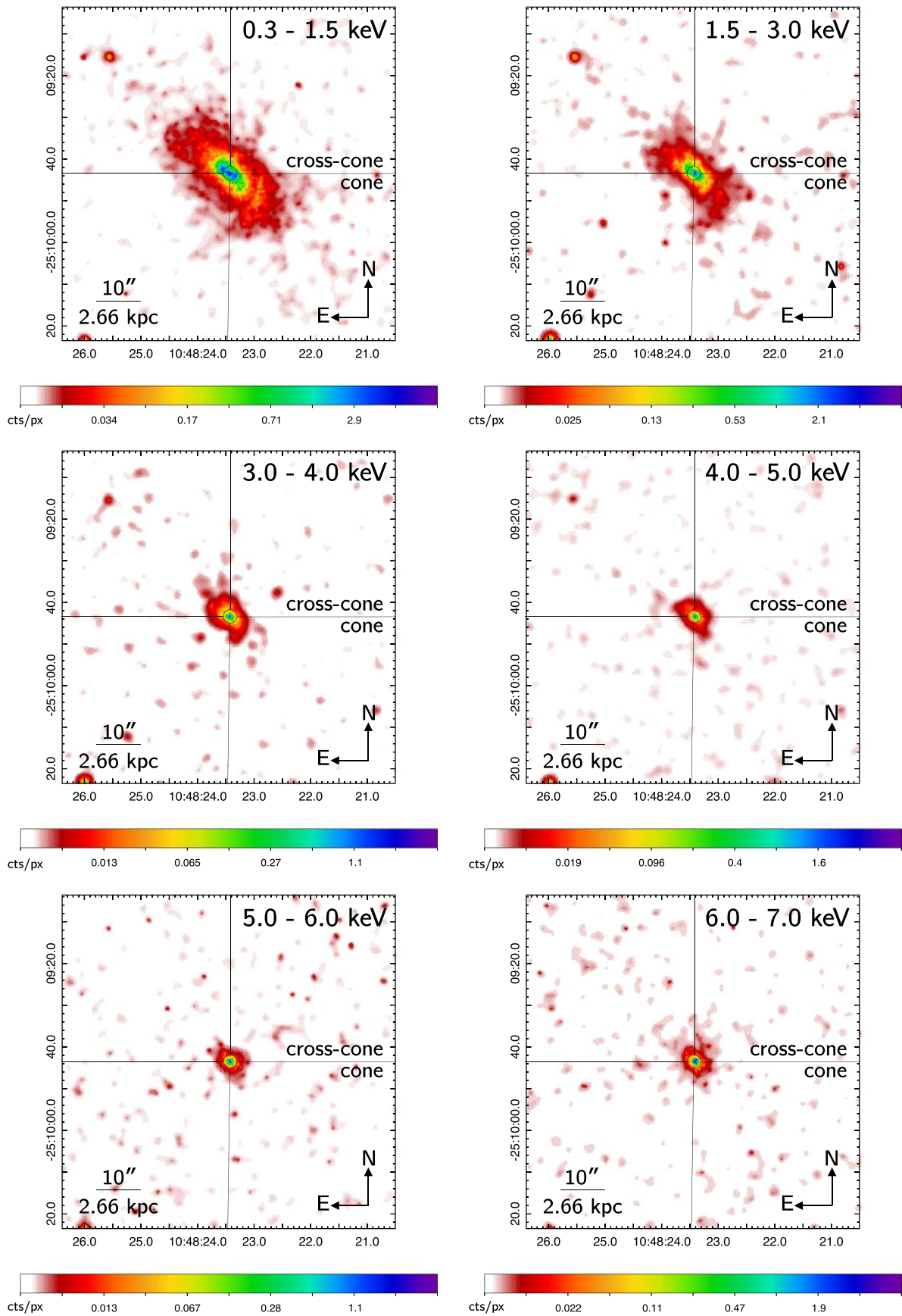


Figure 17. Adaptively smoothed images of NGC 3393 in the indicated energy bands on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 2–5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations). The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$. Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.399 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone regions.

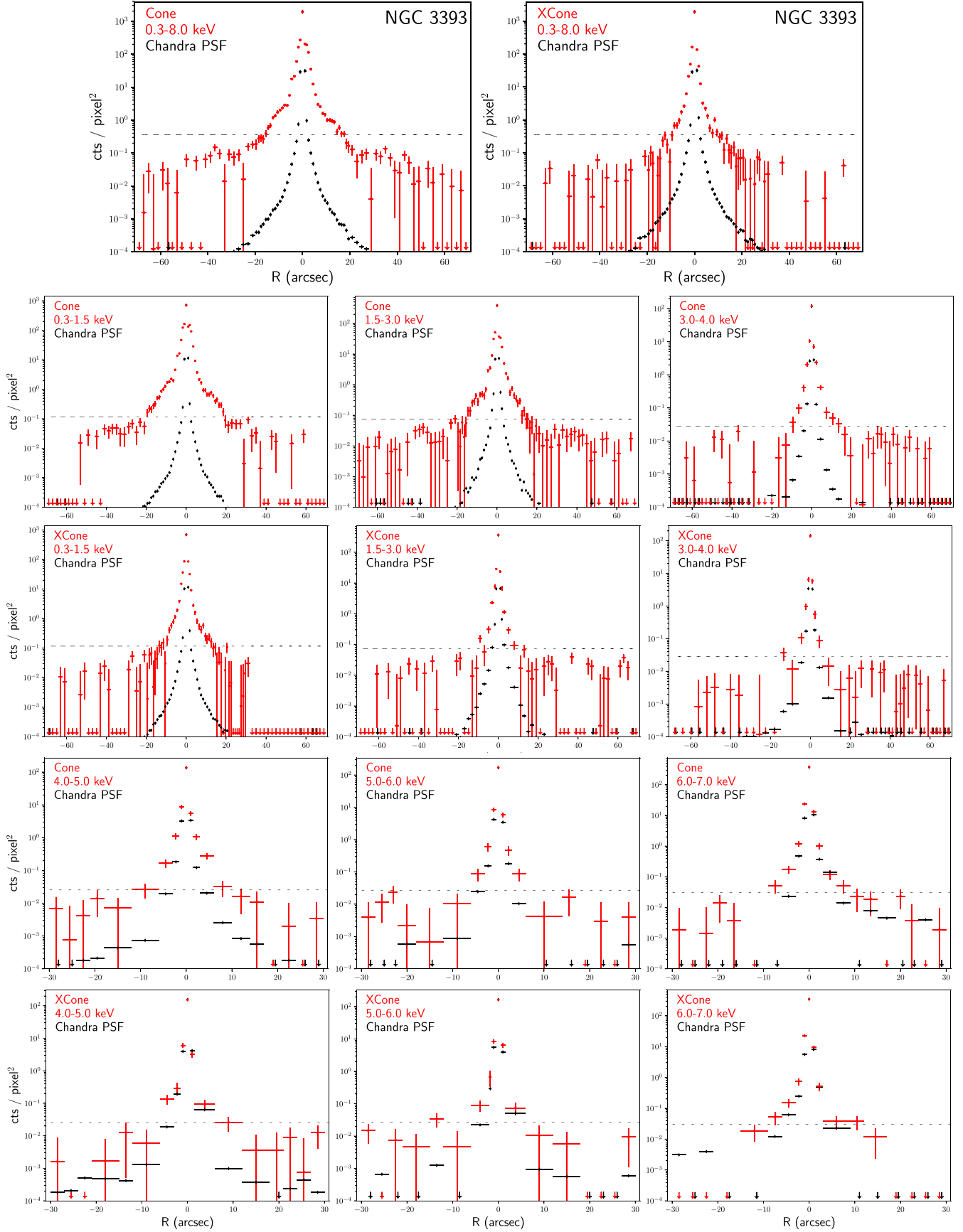


Figure 18. Background subtracted radial profiles of NGC 3393 for the indicated energy bands compared to the Chandra PSF, which has been renormalized to the $0''.5$ (0.133 kpc) nuclear region for both the cone and cross-cone regions (as labeled “Cone” and “XCone,” respectively). Each bin contains a minimum of 10 counts and is shown with 1σ errors. We include a dashed horizontal line to indicate the level of background emission and note that points below this line are valid data since the background has already been subtracted. Downward arrows indicate a region at or below the background.

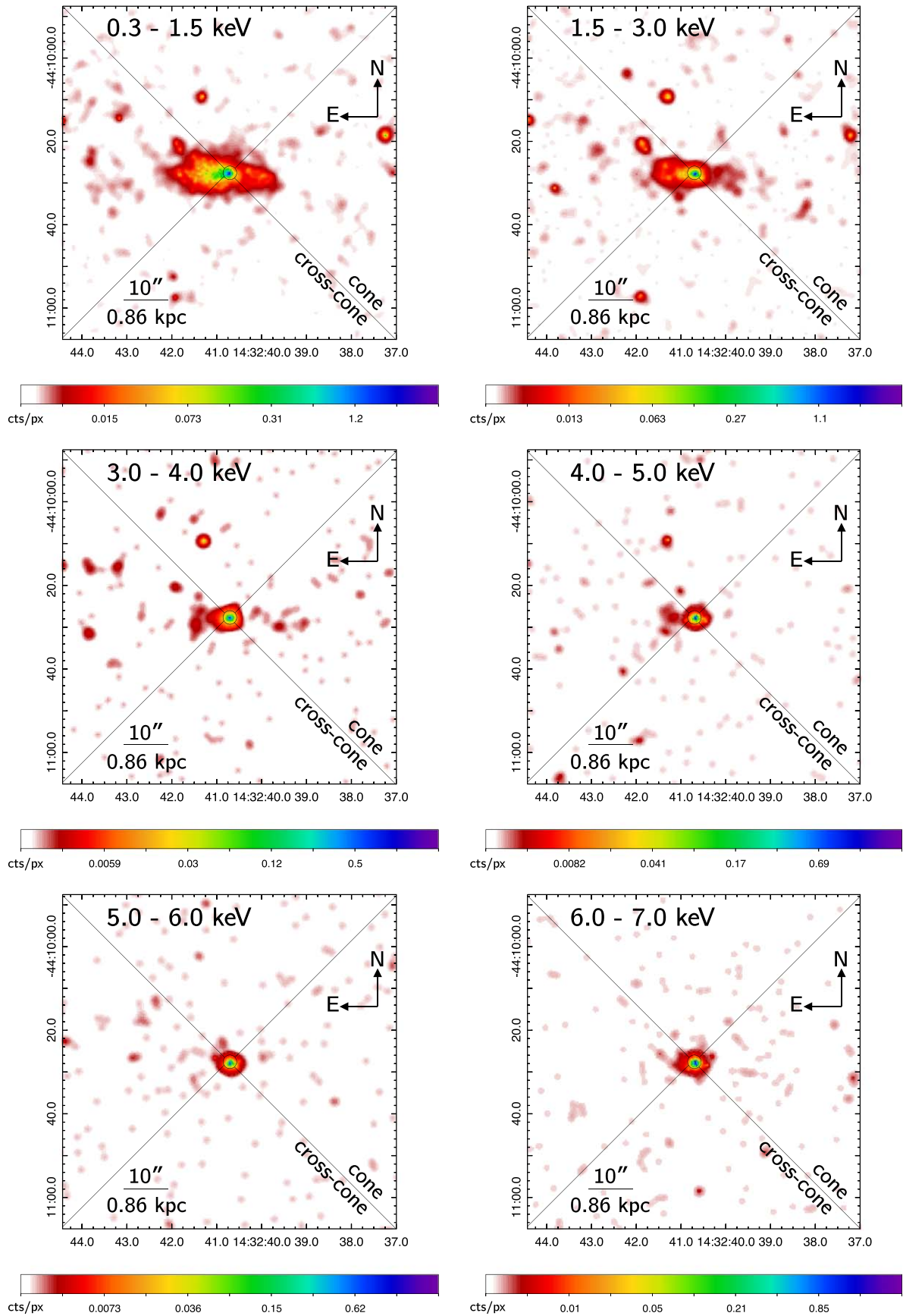


Figure 19. Adaptively smoothed images of NGC 5643 in the indicated energy bands on image pixel = $1/8$ ACIS pixel (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 2–5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations). The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$. Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.129 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone regions.

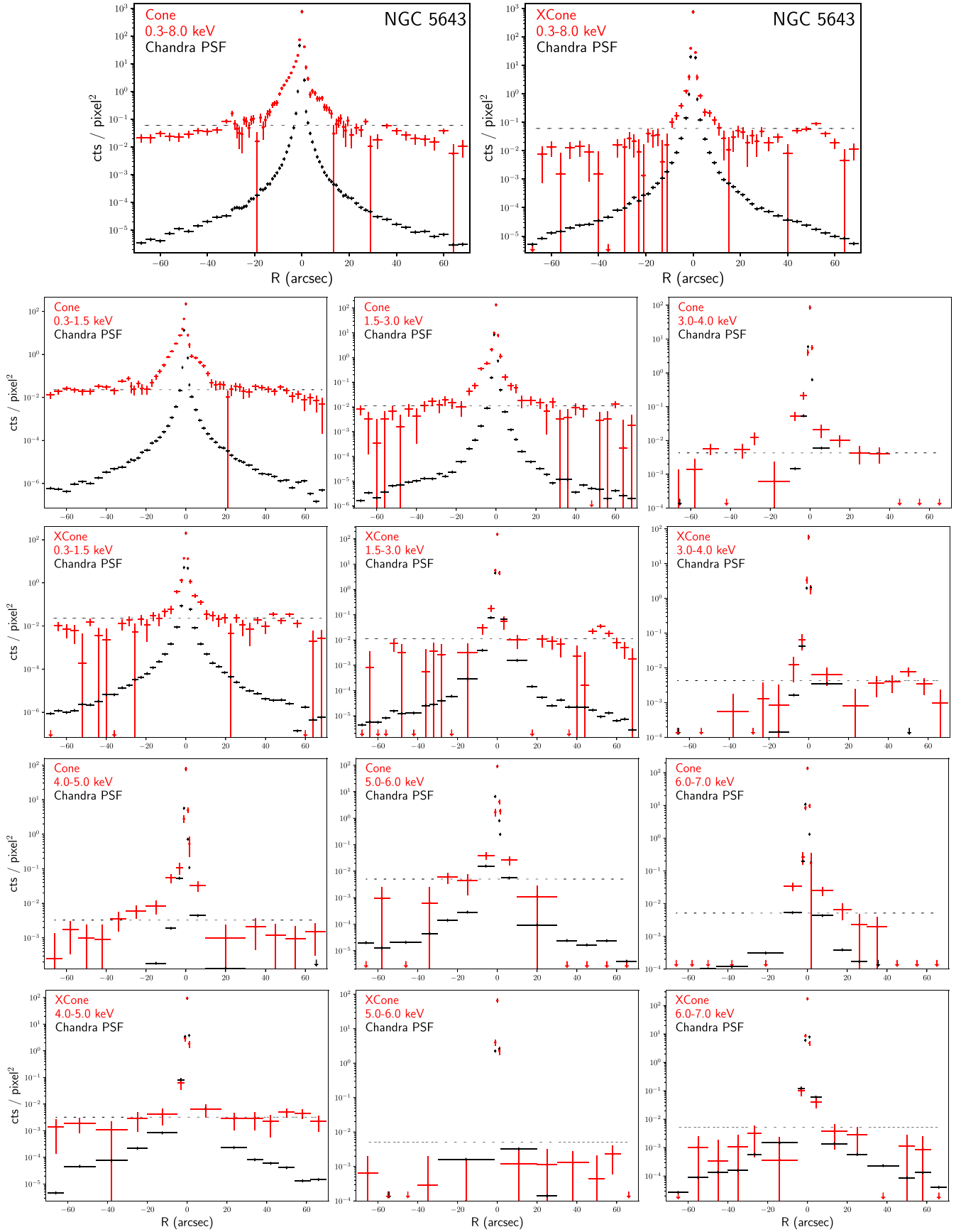


Figure 20. Background subtracted radial profiles of NGC 5643 for the indicated energy bands compared to the Chandra PSF, which has been renormalized to the $0''.5$ (0.043 kpc) nuclear region for both the cone and cross-cone regions (as labeled “Cone” and “XCone,” respectively). Each bin contains a minimum of 10 counts and is shown with 1σ errors. We include a dashed horizontal line to indicate the level of background emission and note that points below this line are valid data since the background has already been subtracted. Downward arrows indicate a region at or below the background.

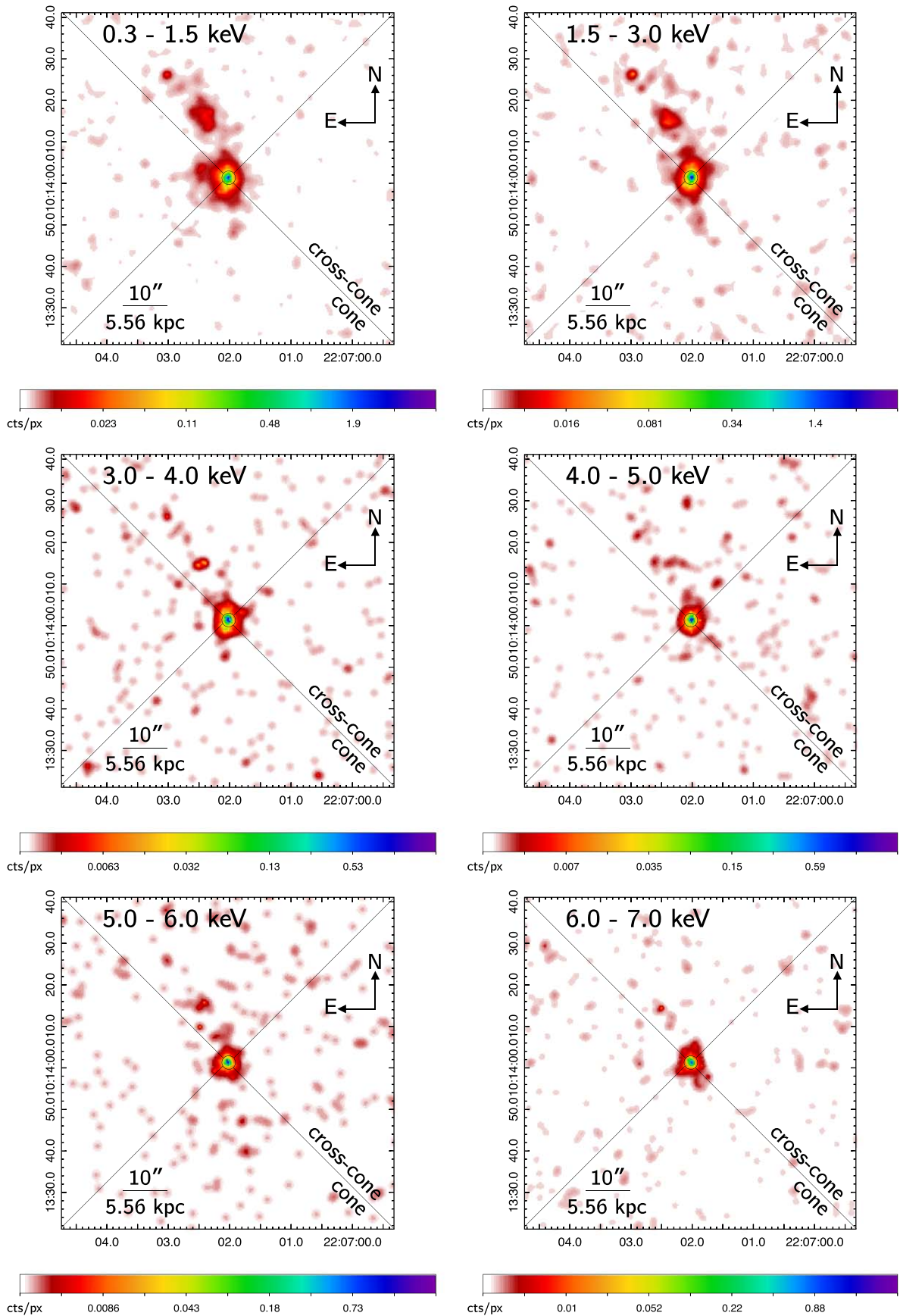


Figure 21. Adaptively smoothed images of NGC 7212 in the indicated energy bands on image pixel = 1/8 ACIS pixel (*dmingadapt*; 0.5–15 pixel scales, 2–5 counts under kernel, 30 iterations). The image contours are logarithmic with colors corresponding to the number of counts per image pixel. The box size is $80'' \times 80''$. Also shown are the $1''.5$ (0.834 kpc) circular region and cone/cross-cone regions.

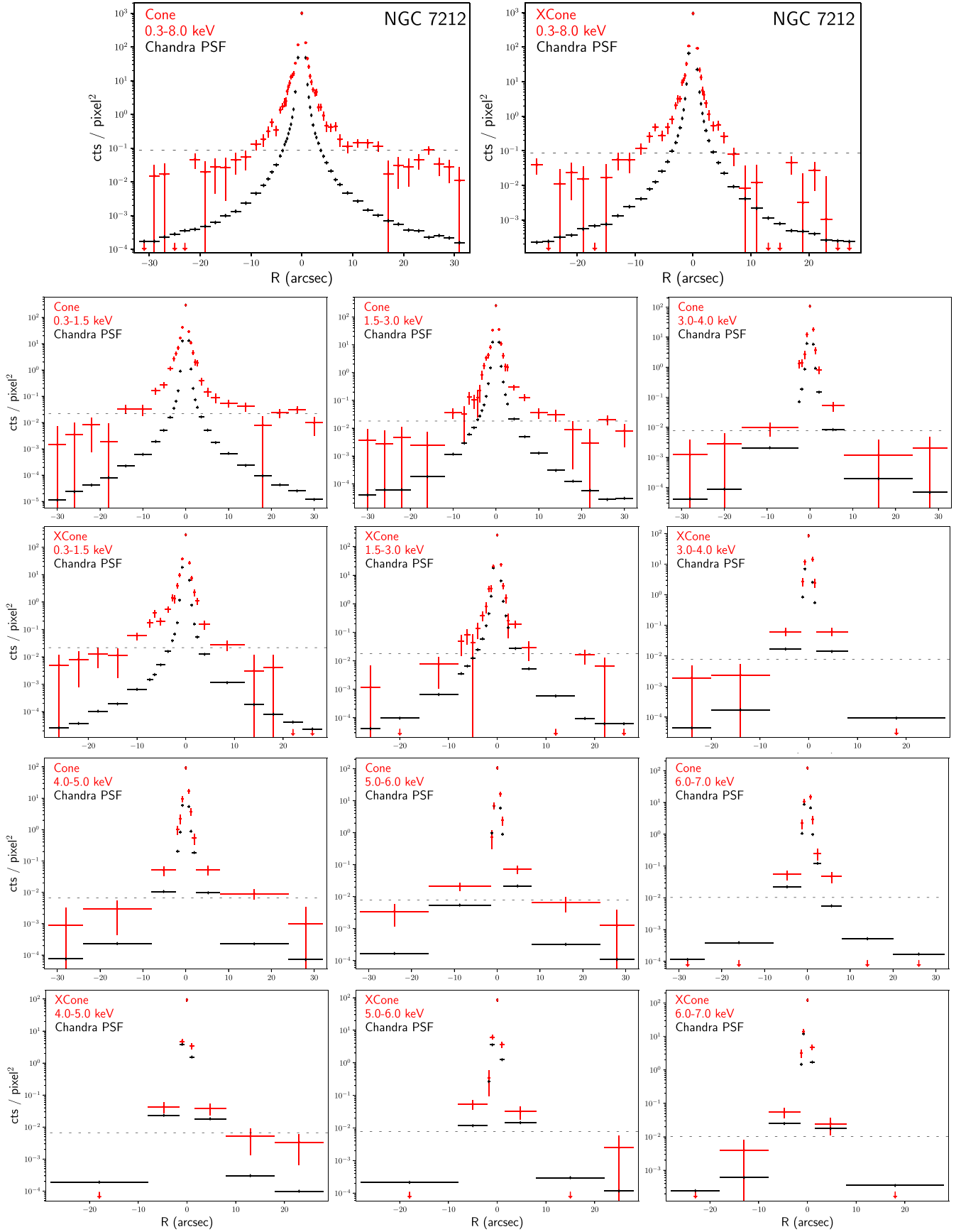


Figure 22. Background subtracted radial profiles of NGC 7212 for the indicated energy bands compared to the Chandra PSF, which has been renormalized to the $0''.5$ (0.278 kpc) nuclear region for both the cone and cross-cone regions (as labeled “Cone” and “XCone,” respectively). Each bin contains a minimum of 10 counts and is shown with 1σ errors. We include a dashed horizontal line to indicate the level of background emission and note that points below this line are valid data since the background has already been subtracted. Downward arrows indicate a region at or below the background.

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